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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

508- 886-4724 Jackie O'Brien



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

September 20, 2020



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“‘Are you envious because I am generous?’ Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.” - Mt 20:15-16

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TABERNACLE LAMP

**St. Patrick's
Confirmation Candidates**

September 20 - September 26, 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

In MT 18:21-35, Jesus exhorts us to open ourselves courageously to the strength of forgiveness, because not everything in life can be resolved with justice: there's a need for merciful love.



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 19 :

5:00 pm *All our students returning to virtual and
in-person classes

Sunday, September 20:

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

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

Monday, September 21:

8:00 am Jacqueline Antinovitch
Requested by the Mulry Family

Tuesday, September 22:

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

Wednesday, September 23:

8:00 am

Saturday, September 26 :

5:00 pm Walter Lucier
Requested by the Family

Sunday, September 27:

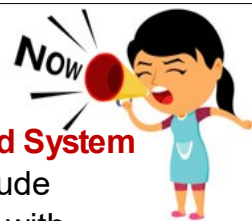
8:00 am

10:30 am Christine Zona



Come,
O Holy Spirit,
Fill the world

CAN YOU HEAR ME



We are **updating the Sound System**
in the Church, to include
A New Digital System with
Speakers in the Sanctuary, Cry Room & Choir Loft,
Improved sound when Livestreaming,
and a Wireless Assistive Listening System
for the hearing impaired.

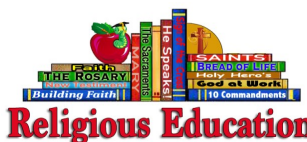
A **big thank you** to our Cookbook Fundraising
Co-Chairs: **Chris David** and **Karen Cove**, their
Committee Members and all of **you**
who purchased our fabulous Cookbook
for this cause!

Together we raised over \$2,300!



We also thank **one of the Families**
in our Parish Community
who came forward and **donated**
the additional \$3,000 needed
to complete this project!

**We are grateful to all who made this
needed improvement a reality.
God Bless**



Religious Education

**St. Patrick's
Religious Education
2020-2021 Begins**

Please pray for our students, their families and
our teaches as we return to Religious Education.

Confirmation Candidates begin **Sept. 20th**
All other Students begin **Oct. 18th.**

Welcome to all our students!

September 13, 2020 Mass/Mailed in/Electronic Collections

Higher Utilities	\$ 60.00
Holy Day	\$ 25.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 1,379.06
Weekly Offering	\$ 2,277.00
	\$ 3,741.06

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...

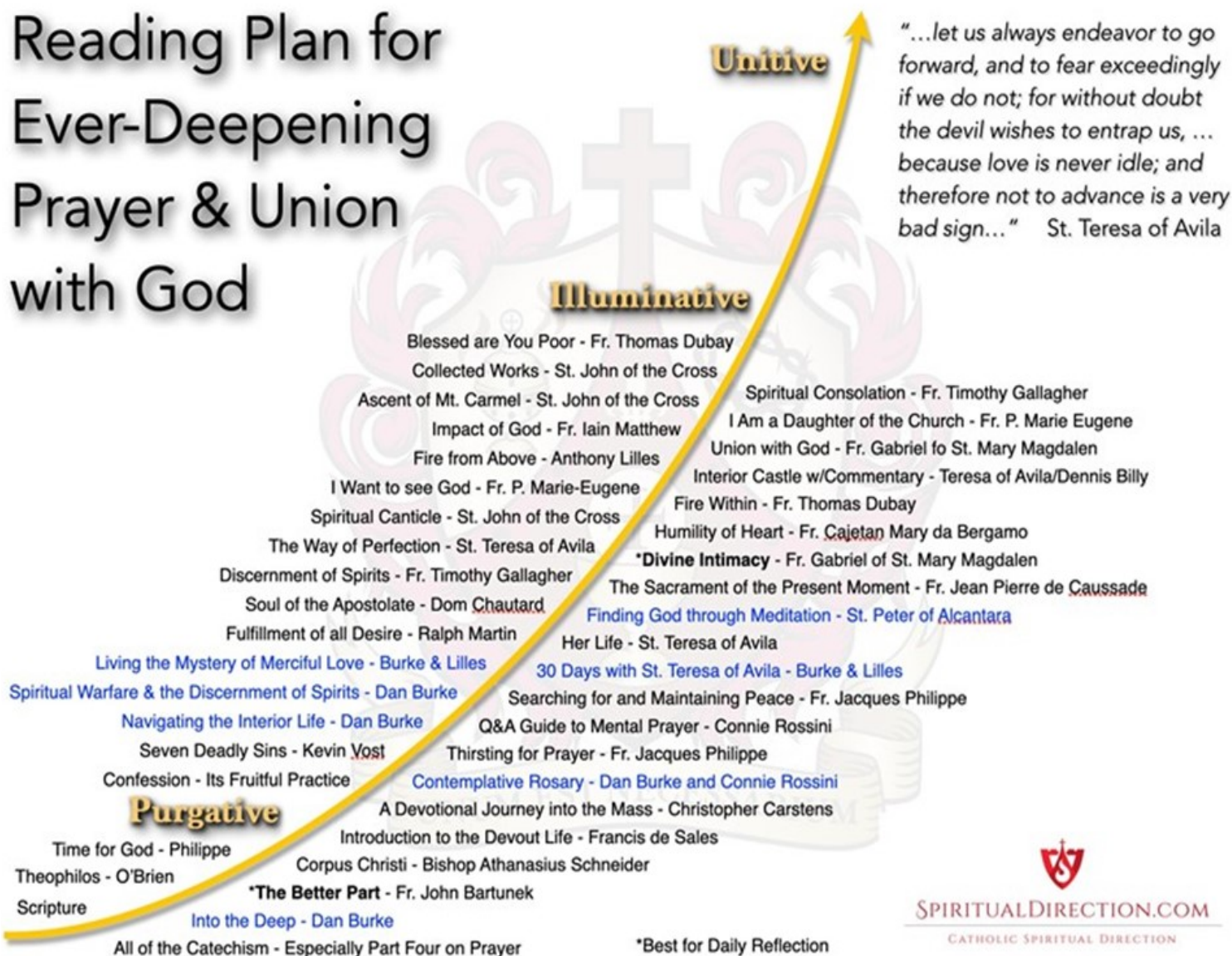
Dear friends,

As we've continued through these uncharted waters of our current world, I can't help but see the many crosses we are carrying. In reflecting on the Saints' lives, one sees that they were sometimes in the most challenging scenarios imaginable. How did they "stay the course"? How do any of us find unity amid the disunity we are seeing?

First and foremost, we must discover or rediscover the heart of Christianity – Prayer. I can see no other way that the Saints could sustain in such difficult circumstances. How else could they testify to the peace they experienced, even in the face of the end of their earthly lives? This is a peace that only comes from God and only comes from discovering His love in a truly personal way.

Below is a reading guide for growing in one's prayer life through SpiritualDirection.com, a great resource on the Catholic Spiritual Life. Start at the bottom, and work your way up. I would suggest two books to start: *Into the Deep* by Dan Burke and *Time for God* by Fr. Jacques Philippe. Both are very short and informative on helping begin the journey of prayer.

Reading Plan for Ever-Deepening Prayer & Union with God



God Bless, Fr. Jim

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: IS 55:6-9

Seek the LORD while he may be found, call him while he is near. Let the scoundrel forsake his way, and the wicked his thoughts; let him turn to the LORD for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts.

Responsorial Psalm: PS 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

R The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

Every day will I bless you,
and I will praise your name forever and ever.
Great is the LORD and highly to be praised;
his greatness is unsearchable. **R**

The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and of great kindness.
The LORD is good to all
and compassionate toward all his works. **R**

The LORD is just in all his ways
and holy in all his works.
The LORD is near to all who call upon him,
to all who call upon him in truth. **R**

Second Reading: PHIL 1:20C-24, 27A

Brothers and sisters: Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me life is Christ, and death is gain. If I go on living in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. And I do not know which I shall choose. I am caught between the two. I long to depart this life and be with Christ, for that is far better. Yet that I remain in the flesh is more necessary for your benefit. Only, conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ. Alleluia

Alleluia:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.

Alleluia! Alleluia!



Gospel: MT 20:1-16A

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with them for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. Going out about nine o'clock, the landowner saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard, and I will give you what is just.' So they went off. And he went out again around noon, and around three o'clock, and did likewise. Going out about five o'clock, the landowner found others standing around, and said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' They answered, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard.' When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.' When those who had started about five o'clock came, each received the usual daily wage. So when the first came, they thought that they would receive more, but each of them also got the usual wage. And on receiving it they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last ones worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who bore the day's burden and the heat.' He said to one of them in reply, 'My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?' Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."



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

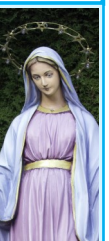
St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.
Be our protection
against the wickedness
and snares of the devil.
May God rebuke him,
we humbly pray; and do Thou,
O Prince of the Heavenly Host,
by the Power of God, cast into hell
Satan and all the evil spirits
who prowl about the world
seeking the ruin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



HARDY MUMS & ASTERS

Thank you to all who supported our

Fall Flower Sale last
Saturday, Sept 12th!

What a huge success!
We sold out before 2pm!

Fortunately, we were able
to **get another shipment**
to sell this weekend

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

(if we don't sell out)

If we have any left after
Saturday morning sales,
they will be available
after the Masses.

\$12 Each

We appreciate your support!



Rutland Food Pantry

Note 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)



Time, Treasure and Talent Auction is Coming!

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

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

- Gardening
- Landscaping
- Electrical
- Plumbing
- Be creative!
- Babysitting
- Teaching
- Gift Certificates
- Scratch Tickets

Please email/call Meg or Donna with your auction ideas:

Meg Starbard

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508-769-4438

Donna Evans

donnaevans0407@gmail.com

774-364-1400

**We Already Have Many
Wonderful Donated items!
COME JOIN IN THE FUN!**

To access the Time, Treasure, and Talent Auction

Go to:

- ✦ <https://airauctioneer.com/time-treasure-and-talent-auction>

- ✦ You will see ->

- ✦ Click the
"Sign in"



- ✦ Register

- ▽ Create a sign on and password with your email, google account or Facebook
- ▽ You will get a verification email (check your promotion and junk mail if you don't get the verification in your primary inbox)
- ▽ Right now you may view items but will not be able to bid until the Auction is live

THE AUCTION GOES LIVE:
Monday, September 28, 2020 at Midnight
BIDDING ENDS
Sunday, October 4, 2020 at 6 PM

Happy Bidding!

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR
CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES
AND TEACHERS,
STARTING CLASSES THIS WEEK



PRAYER FOR OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Lord, You send out Your Spirit
to touch the hearts of all people,
so that they may believe in You
and in Jesus whom You sent.
Look kindly on all candidates for Confirmation
as they listen to Your voice.
Open their hearts to Your Spirit
and bring to fulfilment
the good work
that You have begun in them.

As we prepare these children for Confirmation,
make each of us
an instrument of Your love.
Teach us to appreciate what is holy in others,
and to be patient
with what we do not understand.
Deepen our faith in the Gospel
and help us to pass it on by our example.
We pray that You will continue
to guide us and sustain us.
Through Christ our Lord, Amen.



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.

Maysoon Khair will be at St. Patrick's representing the
School of Joy for slow learner children and over a
hundred Christian families who make their livelihood
through the selling of their hand carved olive wood
religious articles.

Due to the challenging situation in the Holy Land and
the interruption of the tourist trade that is impacting our
Christian families in Bethlehem, they must seek
alternative ways to earn a living.

After all masses there will be a display of these
beautiful hand carved items; such as nativity scenes,
crucifix, rosaries, last supper and many other beautiful
religious statues.

Please stop by and look over the carvings that are
available and help support this self-help project to keep
the Children and the Christians living in the Holy Land.

Thank you and God Bless you, *Maysoon*

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

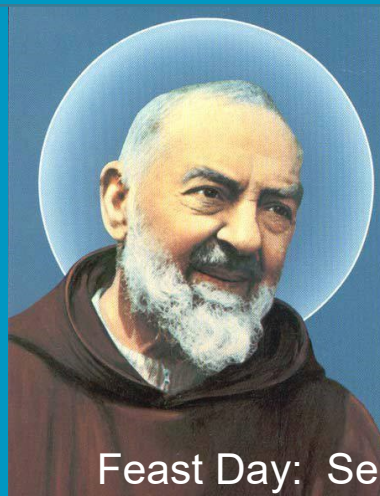


Maintain Proper Social Distancing
6-Foot from non-household members



Keep your hands clean/sanitized

Thank you



St. Padre Pio
of Pietrelcina

Pray for us

Feast Day: September 23rd

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