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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

8:00 am and 10:30 am Sunday

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 3:30-4:30 pm in the

Parish Center, main floor, large classroom.

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

December 27, 2020





Our 2021 Calendars Will be here Soon

We will notify you as soon as they arrive.

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).



St. Patrick's Parish Rutland, MA

Papal Tweet

May the joyous expectation of the coming of the Saviour who became man, like us, fill our hearts with hope and peace.





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, December 26:

5:00 pm Aurora Allard

Requested by Nichols Family

Sunday, December 27:

8:00 am Shirley Stidsen, 9th Anniversary Requested by the Stidsen Family

10:30 am James Curtis

Requested by the Weagle Family

Monday, December 28:

8:00 am Clea Blair, Sr

Requested by Paul & Nancy McKenzie

Tuesday, December 29:

8:00 am Dick Pentland

Requested by Dave & Connie Bunker

Wednesday, December 30:

8:00 am Josephine Novak

Requested by her daughter Chris Aufiero

Friday, January 1:

10:30 am Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Saturday, January 2:

5:00 pm Walter Lucier 1st Anniversary Requested by the Family

Sunday, January 3:

8:00 am * For our Sacristans

By a Grateful Parish

10:30 am James Curtis, One Month

Requested by Dave & Connie Bunker



December 30: Rosary with the Knights Of Columbus, 7:00 pm, in the Church & Livestreamed on Facebook.

<u>January 3:</u> *Rosary* following the 10:30 am Mass All are welcome.

<u>January 4:</u> Holy Hour 6:30 pm—Postponed to January 18th

January 8: Lay Prayer for Priests: 7:00 - 8:00 pm, Immaculate Conception Parish, 353 Grove St., Worc. (2nd Friday of the month) All are welcome.

January 18: Holy Hour 6:30 pm





TABERNACLE LAMP

Shirley Stidsen

December 27, 2020 - January 2, 2021



December 20, 2020 Mass/Mailed in/Electronic Collections

Weekly Offering	\$ 1,729.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 1,498.86
Higher Utilities	\$ 329.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 210.00
Christmas Offering	\$ 475.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 10.00
Mary Mother of God	\$ 10.00
•	\$ 4.261.86

Special Collections:

Retirement Fund for Religious \$115.00

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!

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 20, 2020

A Message from the Pastor...

Dear friends,

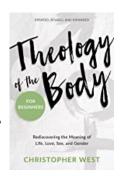
This weekend we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family – taking place always the first Sunday after the celebration of Christmas. One of the reasons this feast is so important is the importance of Family that comes within our faith. Starting at the beginning of scripture and continuing throughout the story's entirety, we always see this emphasis on Family. Why is this? Why is this so central? It goes straight to the heart of our creation in the image and likeness of God.

You've heard me talk about at times the teaching within the Catechism of the Catholic Church about God – "God's very being is love. By sending his only Son and the Spirit of Love in the fullness of time, God has revealed his innermost secret: God himself is an eternal exchange of love, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and he has destined us to share in that exchange."*



But it goes even further than this. In the creed, we pray each Sunday – the Nicene Creed - we read that the Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son. Now, we cannot take the following analogy too far. We, who are created in God's image and likeness, cannot reapply that same thinking back upon God, trying to have Him in our image and likeness. Knowing this, however, we can glean something out of this insight above and the Creed. The power of the Love between God the Father and God the Son is so powerful that it brings about a third person. God saw this so crucial for us to understand that he wrote it into our creation. We see this in the Love between a Husband and Wife - it is so powerful that it brings about a third person as well – a child. The very nature of God Himself – One God, three distinct persons – is part of the same fabric of our creation.

But what happens when we lose sight of this truth? What happens when we don't live by what God has created us? One can argue that so much of the pain and hurt we see in our world regarding the Family is because we've lost sight of God's Eternal Truth about this beautiful gift. Until we rediscover these truths, we will continue to be adrift in our current world. This is why I would direct everyone towards a greater understanding of these truths. Some years ago, the Theology of the Body, a series of Wednesday Audiences given by St. John Paul II was delivered in St. Peter's Square. During these talks at beginning of his pontificate, St. John Paul II tried to answer two questions: First, what does it mean to be human? And second, how are we to live it? An introduction would be the book *Theology of the Body for Beginners* (2018 edition).



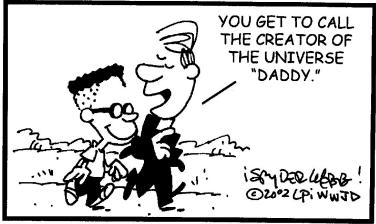
Happy Feast of the Holy Family! God Bless.

Fr. Jim

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HOLY FAMILY







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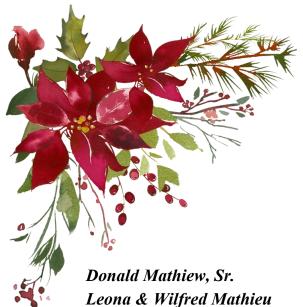
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God's many Gifts to us

Mira Kaczmarek

Shirley Warren



Blessings To You



First Reconciliation Class 2020

Congratulations to those children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Sunday, December 20!

Brannagh Allison
Kaleigh Barbadora
Markens Benoit
William McSheehy
Ryleigh Pettes
Cole Polisher
Jaxson Riley

Thank you all for your continued prayers for our students.

On Your First Reconciliation

Living out Christmas in the New Year



How do we live out the message of Christmas in the New Year, rather than pack it away with the ornaments?

Each year, the Octave Day of Christmas falls on the first day of the New Year, on which we also celebrate the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. Her open heart and courageous "yes" to God show us how to live year-round—with hearts open to the Lord, following where He leads.

We are called to place our trust in Him, to enter compassionately into the suffering of others, and to love one another as Christ loves us. Like Our Blessed Mother welcomed Jesus, we are called to cherish and protect the gift of human life, at every stage and in every circumstance. One way to live out the message of Christmas and follow Our Lady's example is to join 9 Days for Life, a novena for the protection of human life, taking place Thursday, January 21 – Friday, January 29. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Join today at 9daysforlife.com!

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Rutland Food Pantry Here to help...

All the volunteers at the Rutland Food Pantry would like to express our heartfelt thanks to all our supporters for making our Christmas distribution, held on December 19, so wonderful:

Our shelves and our hearts were full as we were able to serve all who came for our drive -thru distribution.

We are overwhelmed with the generosity of all who gave during this Christmas Season. We are truly blessed to live and work in a community that continues, month after month, to support this vital ministry.

Wishing you all the blessings of this Christmas Season and a wonderful New Year!







The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

First Reading: SIR 3:2-6, 12-14

God sets a father in honor over his children; a mother's authority he confirms over her sons. Whoever honors his father atones for sins, and preserves himself from them. When he prays, he is heard; he stores up riches who reveres his mother. Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children, and, when he prays, is heard. Whoever reveres his father will live a long life; he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother. My son, take care of your father when he is old; grieve him not as long as he lives. Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him; revile him not all the days of his life; kindness to a father will not be forgotten, firmly planted against the debt of your sins —a house raised in justice to you.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

Give thanks to the LORD, invoke his name; make known among the nations his deeds. Sing to him, sing his praise, proclaim all his wondrous deeds. R

Glory in his holy name; rejoice, O hearts that seek the LORD! Look to the LORD in his strength; constantly seek his face.

You descendants of Abraham, his servants, sons of Jacob, his chosen ones! He, the LORD, is our God; throughout the earth his judgments prevail.

He remembers forever his covenant which he made binding for a thousand generations which he entered into with Abraham and by his oath to Isaac.

Second Reading: COL 3:12-21

Brothers and sisters: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Wives, be subordinate to your husbands, as is proper in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and avoid any bitterness toward them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is pleasing to the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, so they may not become discouraged.

Alleluía:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; in these last days, he has spoken to us through the Son.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel: LK 2:22-40

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, They took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord. Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, He took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him: and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted —and you yourself a sword will pierce—so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

Select Mass Prayers

Penitential Act Form A (Confiteor)

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,

and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory.

Lord God, heavenly King,

O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us: you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father,

have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

Profession of Faith (Nicene Creed)

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;

through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Preface Acclamation

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.



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. 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 Amen seeking the ruin of souls.

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.

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.

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