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## **EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS**

Mass Schedule is: **Only 8am Mass Livestreamed\***

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

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

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

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

**MARRIAGE:** Couples planning marriage should 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 Church

**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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*November 28, 2021*



**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2021**

## **1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

"Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." - Lk 21:27-28

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## **STEWARDSHIP NOTE**

*"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." (Luke 21:28)* We celebrate Advent each year in preparation for the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await His second coming. What will you do differently this Advent season to grow in friendship and love with Jesus? How will you inspire others to do the same? Start by sharing your God story with others, especially those closest to you. Invite and accompany them on their faith journey this Advent.

## **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



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





## Mass Intentions

FAMILIES REQUESTING A MASS ARE WELCOMED TO  
BRING UP THE GIFTS AT THE OFFERTORY.  
PLEASE LET THE SACRISTAN KNOW YOU ARE AT MASS.

TO SCHEDULE A MASS INTENTION OR  
REQUEST A TABERNACLE LAMP,  
PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE: 508-886-4984

\* PERSON IS LIVING

### Saturday, November 27:

**5:00 pm** Walter Lucier

Requested by the Family

### Sunday, November 28: 8 am Livestreamed Mass

**8:00 am** \* In thanksgiving for Gianna's life on her  
birthday

Requested by the Then Family

**10:30 am** All Souls in Purgatory

### Monday, November 29:

**8:00 am** Mary-Lee De Gemmis

Requested by Deborah Fuller

### Tuesday, November 30:

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

*Divine Mercy Chaplet following Mass*

### Wednesday, December 1:

**8:00 am** James W. Curtis, 1st Anniversary

Requested by his Family

### Saturday, December 4:

**5:00 pm** Patricia Inangelo, 5th Anniversary

Requested by her husband John

### Sunday, November 28: 8 am Livestreamed Mass

**8:00 am** The Simon Katonis Family

Requested by Cindy Katinas

**10:30 am** Clealand B. Blair, Sr., 1st Anniversary

Requested by Bobby & Nancy Trainor

## ADVENT WREATH HISTORY

The Advent wreath probably had its origins in the customs of pre-Christian Germanic people, who used wreaths with lit candles during December in anticipation of the light of the coming spring. Eastern European Christians kept the tradition alive, and, by the 16th century, Advent wreaths were used to prepare for the coming of Jesus, the light of the world.

## ADVENT WREATH BLESSING

Lord God, bless this wreath and bless us as well. May this wreath remind us of the hope and joy that Jesus brings into the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



## Upcoming Events

### November 28: Life in Prayer Group:

1:30 - 3pm, Parish Center, Future dates:  
12/12, 26 and every other week.

### November 30: Scripture Study & Faith Sharing,

around 9am, following the Divine Mercy Chaplet, in the  
Church Hall (Every Tuesday)

### November 30: Theology of the Body Class,

7 pm,  
Parish Center Hall (12/7, 14, 21)

### December 5: Rosary following the 10:30 am Mass

### December 6: St. Patrick's Holy Hour 6:30 pm, Church

### December 8: Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Masses at 8 am and 7 pm

### December 10: Holy Hour to Pray for Priests 7 - 8 pm, Immaculate Conception, 353 Grove St., Wore.



Please pray for  
our High School students  
who will receive the

**Sacrament of Confirmation**

December 4th



Join us in Praying

**THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY**

**Every Tuesday**

**After the 8:00 am Mass**

**In the Church**

**November 21, 2021**

**Mass/Mailed in/Electronic Collections  
will be reported  
in the next 2 weeks.**



## A Message from the Pastor...

Dear Friends,

We now begin a new the liturgical year, which makes sense in regards to the Liturgical Season we begin today. “The word *Advent* is from the Latin *adventus*, which means “coming.” It encompasses the span of time from the fourth Sunday before Christmas until the feast of the Nativity of Our Lord on December 25. Like Lent, Advent is a preparatory season of looking forward to and waiting for Jesus to be made present in one’s life in a new and meaningful way. As Christians, we’re not only looking forward to the annual celebration of Christ’s birth, but also for the time when Christ will come again.”\*

How do we look forward to Jesu being made present in a “new and meaningful way”? The first thing we should always to is approach the mystery of the Incarnation (Christ as the second person of the Holy Trinity entering time and space) in humility. Remember, we are dealing with one of the Mysteries of our Faith, not in that we can’t know anything about it, but that *we cannot exhaust it’s meaning*.

Often times, we can take a “well, I’ve heard this before” approach with our Faith. But when it comes to God being made man, we should look again at the story of the Nativity of Jesus. One thing we can come to know is just what happens when we speak of Our Lady being the Mother of God.

Realize this: When it comes to Mary, we are talking about someone who didn’t have that pull towards sin that was a consequence of Original Sin. Imagine for a moment a car with wheel’s out of alignment. If you have ever dealt with this, without our hands on the wheel to correct, the car will careen off the road. This can be an analogy of us regarding the pull towards Original Sin. When the car is in alignment, however, it still goes on the current pathway. Mary is analogous to this in that our pull towards making all of our good about the tangible, as opposed to the highest good that our heavenly things, she doesn’t deal with. It’s because of this that she is able to learn how to open to God’s will so perfectly, that Divine Life is conceived within her.

Later in the scriptures, it’s Mary who will be at the center of the Apostles, teaching them to open to the Holy Spirit so that they may bear a different kind of spiritual fruit. They will open to God and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost – a gift that will change them powerfully. From this moment, they will go out and share the Gospel to the detriment of their own lives, all being martyred except for St. John, who was exiled. To do this, you need something more than pure will, especially since we know that aside from John, the Apostles had all abandoned Jesus in His Hour because of fear.

Ask Mary for help with the realigning our hearts this Advent, that we may not just fall into the trap of the ordinary things of life, but we may seek the Heavenly Goods we are all called to receive. Let us pray for one another as we begin this new season of Advent.

God Bless,

Fr. Jim







## Rutland Food Pantry

We are very grateful to all who continue to support the Rutland Food Pantry.

### Upcoming Distribution Dates In-Person Shopping

Date	Time
December	
<b>Note: Only 1 Distribution in December</b>	
Saturday, December 18, 2021	9:00 - 10:30 AM

As we begin to plan for the holiday season, our specific food needs are:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Stuffing                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Mushroom Soup             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cranberry Sauce             | <input type="checkbox"/> Dried Onions              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pie Crusts                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Gravy                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pie Filling<br>(Any Flavor) | <input type="checkbox"/> French Cut<br>Green Beans |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Quick Breads                | <input type="checkbox"/> Coffee/Tea                |

**Non-perishable, non-expired** food donations may be dropped off downstairs on the stage at St Patrick's.

Please do not leave any clothing or household items, as we do not offer these items.

### in Ordinary Time UPDATE

*I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury; For they all contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, her whole living. (Mark 12:43-44)*

Jesus gets right to the point – we are all called to give money to support the mission of the Church, regardless of our circumstance. No gift is too small or insignificant! Giving money to support the mission of our local parish is a matter of our faith, just like praying and participating in parish ministries.

## Diocesan Parish Youth Basketball League

The Diocesan parish basketball league is back! There will be a boys and girls league that will run from January-early March and is open to all high school youth in parishes in the Diocese.

To sign up or to get more information go to [www.neworchester.org/basketball](http://www.neworchester.org/basketball)

**Deadline to sign up for a team is December 10.**

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PICK OF THE WEEK

**Nov. 28, 2021**

## THE STORY OF THE NATIVITY: THE TRUTH OF CHRISTMAS

WATCH

Enjoy this fast-paced, thought-provoking look at the true story of the Nativity as we enter into the joyful season of Advent.



<https://watch.formed.org/the-story-of-the-nativity-the-truth-of-christmas>

## ADVENT



This Advent prepare your heart through this exploration of the mystery of the Incarnation, the Virgin Birth, and the events surrounding the arrival of Jesus Christ.

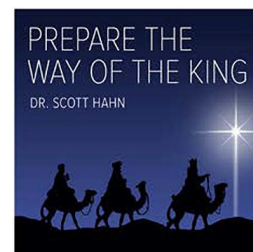
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## PREPARE THE WAY OF THE KING BY DR. SCOTT HAHN

LISTEN

Your Advent journey will take on new meaning with Dr. Scott Hahn's illuminating presentation on the greatest gift ever given to mankind—Jesus Christ.



<https://watch.formed.org/prepare-the-way-of-the-king-by-dr-scott-hahn>

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## Advent Day of Recollection For Men

An Advent Day of Recollection for men of high school and college age will take place **Dec. 12, 1:00-5:30 pm** at **North American Martyrs, 8 Wyoma Dr., Auburn.**

The guest speaker is Father Ryan Connors who will be addressing the topic of **"Advent: Waiting for the Lord."** Visit [worcestervocations.com...](http://worcestervocations.com...)



## We are grateful to be able to bring back the **St. Patrick's** Christmas Giving Tree

The people of St. Patrick's have demonstrated tremendous generosity for those in need through our Christmas Giving Tree over the past years. This year the need, in our own community and within the Worcester Diocese, continues to be great. We invite you to join in the fun of our Christmas Giving Tree for this year and bring joy to a brother or sister in Christ this Christmas.

This year our Giving Tree Tags will support the following:



Children and Families in Need



Our Worcester Diocese Seminarians



Our Mission Parish in Haiti



Our Friends at Dismas House

## Grab a Tag or Two! Starting this Weekend



**Return your  
Gift by  
December 15<sup>th</sup>  
Thank you!**



**Welcome**  
the newly baptized  
member of our Parish Family,

**Baptized in November:**

✠ Robert Ziegmond Fitzgibbons



**TABERNACLE LAMP**

**Clealand B. Blair, Sr.**

November 28 - December 4, 2021



**"Strengthen your hearts in holiness."**

Are you being called to grow in holiness  
as a priest, deacon, religious brother or sister?  
Contact the Vocation Office at (508)630-4473  
or email: [donato.infante@gmail.com](mailto:donato.infante@gmail.com).



**1st Sunday of Advent**

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begin to happen,  
stand erect and raise your heads  
because your redemption is at hand."  
Luke 21:28*

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