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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

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December 12, 2021



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2021

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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**Join us in Praying
THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY
Every Tuesday
After the 8:00 am Mass
In the Church**

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 (confidential line).



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, December 11:

5:00 pm Kenneth J. Sweeney Sr., 5th Anniversary
Requested by the Sweeney Family

Sunday, December 12: 8 am Livestreamed Mass

8:00 am All Souls in Purgatory

10:30 am Leon Lamarche
Requested by the Bailey Family

Monday, December 13:

8:00 am Roderick Beaton
Requested by the Cove Family

Tuesday, December 14:

8:00 am * The People of St. Patrick's
Divine Mercy Chaplet following Mass

Wednesday, December 15:

8:00 am All Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, December 18:

5:00 pm Aurora Allard, 46th Anniversary
Requested by the Nichols Family

Sunday, December 19: 8 am Livestreamed Mass

8:00 am

10:30 am Eileen Clifford
Requested by the Clifford Family

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Dear Jesus,
Thank you for the countless blessings you have
poured into my life.
As I await Your blessed birth this season, help me to
see You in the face of the poor whom I meet.
May I rush to make room in my heart and my home,
welcoming those in need with love and great joy, just
as I would welcome You.
Give me a spirit that ever more readily sees and
serves You by seeing and serving others-especially
the poorest among us.
In Your name, our Infant Savior, I pray. Amen.
From St. Vincent de Paul Headquarters.

Living Faith for DECEMBER...
is available at the Church Entrances and Parish Center.
We expect the books for January - March to arrive soon.



Upcoming Events

December 12: Life in Prayer Group:
12 Noon at the Rectory (Note change in
time and location. Future dates: 12/26
and every other week.)

December 13: Monday Confessions in Advent:
6:30pm, Church: 12/20

December 14: Scripture Study & Faith Sharing,
around 9am, following the Divine Mercy Chaplet, in the
Church Hall (Every Tuesday)

December 14: Theology of the Body Class, 7 pm,
Parish Center Hall (12/21)

December 15: Return your Giving Tree Items: Re-
turn your gifts to the Church before December 15th.

December 20: St. Patrick's Holy Hour 6:30 pm,
Church

December 29: Rosary with the Knights Of Colum-
bus, 7:00 pm, in the Church & Livestreamed

January 1: Feast of Mary, Mother of God: Mass
at 10:30 am.

January 2: Rosary following the 10:30 am Mass

January 14: Holy Hour to Pray for Priests 7 - 8 pm,
Immaculate Conception, 353 Grove St., Worc.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE LORD, YOUR GOD, IS IN YOUR MIDST,
A MIGHTY SAVIOR;
HE WILL REJOICE OVER YOU WITH GLADNESS,
AND RENEW YOU IN HIS LOVE.

—ZEPHANIAH 3:17

Thank you for your contributions!

Mass/Mailed in/Electronic Collections
received for December 5, 2021
will be reported
in the next bulletin.

We are grateful for your ongoing support.

Thank you!



A Message from the Pastor...

Dear Friends,

Today is the Feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the patroness of the Americas. Back a few of years ago, I wrote on here of her apparition and the miraculous image that still resides in Mexico today. In light of the fact that her feast day rarely falls on a Sunday, today would be a good time to remind you of that story:

“The basics of the story are simple in that a poor farmer named Juan Diego encountered Our Lady on numerous occasions. Her request was to have a chapel built in a certain place where she appeared to the future Saint. The Bishop of the time did not believe him. To prove this, Juan Diego was instructed to go to the top of a hill where he found, in the middle of frost season, beautiful roses that should not have been able to grow. Arranged by Our Lady in his outer garment (called a tilma), Juan Diego brought these to the Bishop as a sign. However, after dropping the roses on the floor in front of the Bishop as proof, their eyes were drawn to the tilma, where the imprint of Our Lady that we see below was, and still is today, in the chapel in Mexico. So powerful and rich in symbolism was this image that it did what no missionaries could do at the time: convert millions of indigenous Indians in Mexico to Catholicism.

But this isn't the end of the story. In 2001, an article was written on something only visible with the help of modern day science to help us in the 21st century to appreciate this miracle even more. I'll quote part of the article here, but encourage you to look into this more deeply:

‘For over 20 years, [a] graduate of environmental systems engineering of Cornell University has studied the image of the Virgin left on the rough maguey fiber fabric of Juan Diego’s tilma. What intrigued [engineer José Aste Tonsmann of the Mexican Center of Guadalupan Studies] the most were the eyes of the Virgin.

‘Though the dimensions are microscopic, the iris and the pupils of the image’s eyes have imprinted on them a highly detailed picture of at least 13 people, Tonsmann said. The same people are present in both the left and right eyes, in different proportions, as would happen when human eyes reflect the objects before them.

‘Tonsmann says he believes the reflection transmitted by the eyes of the Virgin of Guadalupe is the scene on Dec. 9, 1531, during which Juan Diego showed his tilma, with the image, to Bishop Juan de Zumárraga and others present in the room.

‘In his research, Tonsmann used a digital process used by satellites and space probes in transmitting visual information.

*‘He insists that the image “that has not been painted by human hand.” As early as the 18th century, scientists showed that it was impossible to paint such an image in a fabric of that texture. The “ayate” fibers used by the Indians, in fact, deteriorated after 20 years. Yet, the image and the fabric it is imprinted on have lasted almost 470 years ago.’ **



Our Lady of Guadalupe – pray for us.”**

God Bless, Fr. Jim

*- <https://zenit.org/articles/science-stunned-by-virgin-of-guadalupe-s-eyes/>

** - From the Pastor's Desk 6/3/18 – St. Patrick's Parish Bulletin



Rutland Food Pantry

Thank you for your wonderful support of our Thanksgiving distribution. Our Christmas distribution is Saturday, December 18, 2021 at 9:00 to 11:00 am.

Upcoming Distribution Dates	
Date	Time
December 2021	
Note: Only 1 Distribution in December	
Saturday, December 18, 2021	9:00 - 11:00 AM
January 2022	
Thursday, January 13, 2022	6:00 - 7:30 PM
Saturday, January 29, 2022	9:00 - 10:30 AM

Items needed for Christmas are:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Cereal | <input type="checkbox"/> Gravy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spaghetti Sauce | <input type="checkbox"/> Pie Filling (Any Flavor) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuna | <input type="checkbox"/> Quick Breads/Muffin Mixes/Cookie Mixes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking Oil | <input type="checkbox"/> Dried Onions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jelly | <input type="checkbox"/> Coffee/Tea/Cocoa |

Members of the Food Pantry staff will be at the pantry on Dec 15 and 16 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM if you would like to drop off food donations or gift cards at that time. God Bless and Thank You

Don't miss Mesa Farm's 2021 "Living Nativity"

Drive through the story of Christmas on **December 11 and 12** on Muschopauge Road in Rutland. The annual Living Nativity hosted by Mesa Farm will be a socially-distanced celebration again this year featuring an audio-guided drive-thru viewing of different scenes from the nativity story. Attendees will stay warm in their car as actors and animals bring to life the true meaning of Christmas. The estimated 20 minute tour will begin at Jordan Dairy Farm and proceed south, so please access Muschopauge Road via Wachusett Street. Plan to arrive anytime between 5:15 pm and 6:45 pm at 51 Muschopauge in Rutland. Volunteers will be waiting to direct traffic.

For more info or upon arrival, visit www.mesafarmrutland.com/nativity for instructions to navigate the audio tour through the farms. There will be no charge although attendees will have the opportunity to give donations to support equestrian programs for qualifying youth at Mesa Farm through the non-profit

www.CitytoSaddle.org.



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PICK OF THE WEEK

Dec. 12, 2021

SAINT TERESA OF ÁVILA:

A STUDY IN PERSEVERANCE

Both St. John of the Cross and his dear friend St. Teresa of Ávila lived heroic lives of prayer.

In honor of these spiritual masters, enjoy this film depicting the Carmelite way of life and the virtue of perseverance.



<https://watch.formed.org/true-reformers-with-christopher-blum/season:1/videos/saint-teresa-of-avila-a-study-in-perseverance>

LECTIO: PRAYER—AN INTIMATE DIALOGUE



St. John of the Cross, Doctor of the Church, had a deep desire to help others grow in prayer. In honor of this mystical saint, join Dr. Gray

as he dives into the simplicity and mystery of prayer.

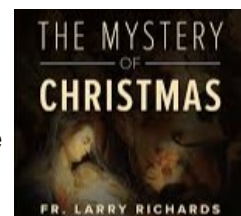
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THE MYSTERY OF CHRISTMAS BY FR. LARRY RICHARDS

LISTEN

In this talk, Fr. Larry Richards reminds us that in the mystery of Christmas, God gives humanity his greatest gift—the gift of his Son to the world.

<https://watch.formed.org/the-mystery-of-christmas-by-fr-larry-richards/videos/the-mystery-of-christmas-by-fr-larry-richards>



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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!



**Return your Gift
to the Church
by
December 15th**



3rd Sunday of Advent

*"Have no anxiety at all
but in everything, by prayer
and petition, with thanksgiving,
make your requests known to God."*

Philippians 4:6

St. Paul reminds us that God is an abundant God-He is the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. Remember, that we are created in God's image and likeness. We, too, are made to be generous with all of our gifts as well. Placing our trust in God frees us from being a slave of possessions. It allows us to gratefully and generously share ourselves and our good with others.

**Please Pray For the
Repose of the Soul of ...**

✠ *Eleanor M. Mohamed*

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated
at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, December 14th

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WHO WERE CONFIRMED ON DECEMBER 4th AT THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. PAUL BY BISHOP McMANUS

Jillian Beando	Jenna Martin
Alison Chouinard	Shannon McMahon
Brian DeLeire	Nicholas Mellan
Conor Dillon	Luke Persson
Ava Ehrenworth	Patrick Reardon
Jordan Gaspar	Brianna Rotondo
Kiera Greevy	Emma Rutkiewicz
Maddox Gilroy	Matthew Sands
Tyler Gilroy	Olivia Sands
Annika Gunnard	Amaya Santimore
Cameron Johanson	Zachary Thomas
Andrew Joslyn	Fiona Walsh
Brigid Kirton	Brenna Ward

CONFIRMED ON DECEMBER 5th
Samantha Shea


We welcome these newly confirmed back to the parish at the Masses this weekend.

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