

# St. Patrick Parish

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## EUCHARISTIC 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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December 26, 2021



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2021

## THE HOLY FAMILY

He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52

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## TABERNACLE LAMP

**Shirley Stidsen**

December 26, 2021 - January 1, 2022

## 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 25:

~~5:00 pm~~—No Vigil Mass

## Sunday, December 26: *8 am Livestreamed Mass*

**8:00** \*In Thanksgiving for Joseph Gil on his first Birthday Requested by the Gil Family

**10:30 am** Carmela Luca, 71 Year Anniversary Requested by her son Joe

## Monday, December 27:

**8:00 am** All Souls in Purgatory

## Tuesday, December 28:

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

## Wednesday, December 29:

**8:00 am** Carmela Luca  
Requested by her son Joe

## Saturday, January 1: *Happy New Year!*

**10:30 am** *Feast of Mary, Mother of God*

**5:00 pm** Shirley Stidsen, 10th Anniversary  
Requested by the Stidsen Family

## Sunday, January 2: *8 am Livestreamed Mass*

*Celebrant: Fr. Steve Gemme*

**8:00 am**

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**10:30 am** Walter Lucier, 2nd Anniversary  
Requested by the Family



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



## Upcoming Events

**December 28:** *Scripture Study & Faith Sharing,* around 9am, in the Church Hall (Every Tuesday) following the Divine Mercy Chaplet,

**December 26:** *Life in Prayer Group:*

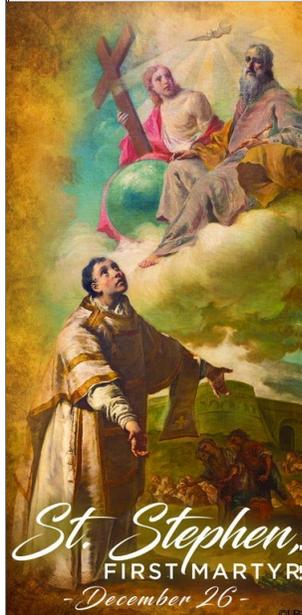
**December 29:** *Rosary* with the Knights Of Columbus, 7:00 pm, in the Church & Livestreamed

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

**January 2:** *Rosary* following the 10:30 am Mass

**January 3:** *St. Patrick's Holy Hour* 6:30 pm, Church

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



## A Prayer to St. Stephen

We give you thanks, O Lord of glory, for the example of the first martyr who looked up to heaven and prayed for his persecutors to Your Son Jesus Christ, who stands at Your right hand, where He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, in glory everlasting. Amen.



## Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are."

1 JOHN 3:1

During this season of giving, let us remember a beautiful gift that we have received – being children of God! As God's children, it's in our DNA that we share and express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children, other family members and friends that you love them, every day! Also, pray for those people that are different than you, those that you may not like or those that go out of their way to annoy you. Your prayers may be the start of a new friendship.

## A Message from the Pastor...

Dear Friends,

When it comes to the Holy Family, who we celebrate on this Feast Day today, one of the most dramatic events is their flight to Egypt. King Herod, who is only concerned with keeping his power, dispatches Soldiers to Bethlehem, killing innocent Children so that he and his family line could maintain power. St. Joseph, alerted to attack in a dream, follows the prompting he had received and takes Mary and Jesus to Egypt. Much of what happened next is not well known, but here is an article speaking of where Jesus and the Holy Family took up residence in their flight.

*“It is easy to forget that part of Jesus’ early childhood was spent outside of Bethlehem and the Holy Land. Forced into exile by King Herod, the Holy Family fled to Egypt and lived there for several years. It is fascinating to think about this time in Jesus life. Did Jesus see the ancient pyramids? What about the great Nile River?”*

*Before we look at the possible locations of Jesus’ exile in Egypt, let’s first look at the narrative from Matthew.*

[B]ehold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there till I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” And he rose and took the child and his mother by night, and departed to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. (Matthew 2:13-15)

*Historians tend to disagree when it comes to the date of King Herod’s death. Most scholars point to 4 BC, while some claim that he died as late as 1 AD. Whatever the actual dates may be, local tradition claims that the Holy Family lived in Egypt for as long as four years.*

*It is intriguing to picture Jesus taking his first steps and saying his first words not in Bethlehem or Nazareth, but in Egypt!*

*According to local traditions, the first stop for the Holy Family was Farma, east of the Nile river. Then they continued traveling to Mostorod, a city north of Cairo. There is a spring near the city that reportedly sprung up after they arrived.*

*After that they stopped at Sakha, and is the site of a rock that has an impression of the baby Jesus’ foot.*

*Moving along they progressed to Wadi El Natroun before stopping just outside of Cairo. At this site there is a place where a tree provided shade to the Holy Family.*

*They most certainly saw the ancient pyramids of Egypt as they continued on their journey, possibly stopping to see such an amazing sight.*

*The family in exile then continued on to Old Cairo and up to Maadi, where they took a boat to Deir El Garnous and then Gabal Al-Teir.*

*The main stopping point for the Holy Family was Gebel Qussqam. It is believed that they stayed here for about six months. Before returning home they stopped in Assiut and then back to the Holy Land.*

*The Coptic people take great pride in this special chapter in the life of Jesus and feel particularly close to the Holy Family, who walked and lived among them during Jesus’ early years as a child.”\**



“Flight into Egypt” by the Dutch painter Hendrick Goudt, 17th Century.

God Bless, Fr. Jim

\*- <https://aleteia.org/2017/12/29/where-did-the-holy-family-live-in-egypt/>

# Christmas Flowers In Memory of . . .



*Deceased members of the  
Boucher/Meyer Family*  
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Let us pray for one another,  
that we take the opportunity,  
during this Christmas Season,  
to actively pursue Jesus,  
our LORD and God.



As he promised  
to Jeremiah,  
“You will seek me  
and find me  
when you seek me  
with all your heart.”  
Jeremiah 29:13

## At Mass/Mailed in/Electronic Collections

**December 19, 2021**

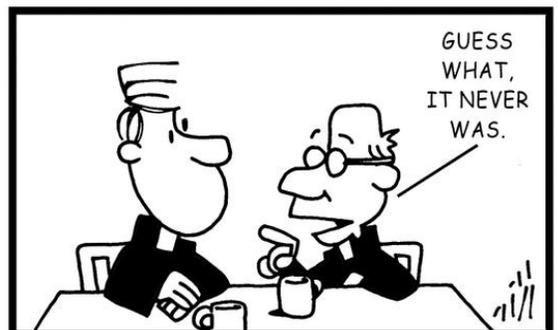
Weekly Offering	\$ 2,551.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 1,627.70
Higher Utilities	\$ 372.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 20.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 170.00
Christmas Offering	\$ 225.00
<u>Mary, Mother of God</u>	<u>\$ 75.00</u>
	\$ 5,040.70

**Special Collections:**  
**Retired Religious Fund \$75.00**

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!**



HOLY FAMILY

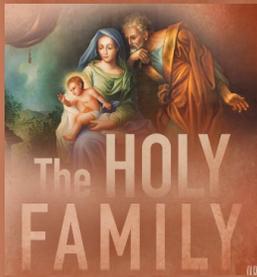


*"It is by God's will  
that we have been sanctified."*

How is God calling you to grow in holiness?



If He may be inviting you to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at 508 630 - 4473 or email: [donato.infante@gmail.com](mailto:donato.infante@gmail.com).



### THE HOLY FAMILY PRAYER

**JESUS**, Son of God and Son of Mary, bless our family. Graciously inspire in us the unity, peace, and mutual love that you found in your own family in the little town of Nazareth.

**MARY**, Mother of Jesus and Our Mother, nourish our family with your faith and your love. Keep us close to your Son, Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys.

**JOSEPH**, Foster-father to Jesus, guardian and spouse of Mary, keep our family safe from harm. Help us in all times of discouragement or anxiety.

**HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH**, make our family one with you. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass. May we always have God at the center of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you. Amen.



### Rutland Food Pantry

Thank you for your wonderful support of our Christmas distribution.

#### Upcoming Distribution Dates

Date	Time
<i>January 2022</i>	
Thursday, January 13, 2022	6:00 - 7:30 PM
Saturday, January 29, 2022	9:00 - 10:30 AM

Items needed:

- Cereal
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Tuna
- Cooking Oil
- Jelly
- Gravy
- Pie Filling (Any Flavor)
- Quick Breads/Muffin Mixes/Cookie Mixes
- Dried Onions
- Coffee/Tea/Cocoa

God Bless and Thank You.



## FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK

**Dec. 26, 2021**

### FORGIVEN-SESSION 1: WHERE ARE YOU?

As we make resolutions for 2021, don't forget about your spiritual well-being! Through our Forgiven series, you can help guide friends and family to new spiritual beginnings!



WATCH

<https://watch.formed.org/forgiven/season:1/videos/where-are-you>

### FORMED NOW! WHO IS SAINT STEPHEN?

FORMED  
*Now!*

This past week, we celebrated the life of St. Stephen, heroic leader of the early Church. Join Dr. Gray and

Dr. Barber as they discuss the first Christian martyr.

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/formed-live-who-is-st-stephen>

LEARN

### MARRIAGE AND FAMILY: LOVE UNVEILED BY DR. SCOTT HAHN

**LISTEN** The feast of the Holy Family reminds us to help our own families grow in holiness. With this in mind, join Scott Hahn as he shares his advice on how to bring sanctity into the home.

MARRIAGE  
AND FAMILY  
DR. SCOTT HAHN



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# The Nativity of The Lord (Christmas)

## Mass During the Night, December 24, 2021

### *Reading 1:* Is 9:1-6

The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom  
a light has shone.  
You have brought them abundant joy  
and great rejoicing,  
as they rejoice before you as at the harvest,  
as people make merry when dividing spoils.  
For the yoke that burdened them,  
the pole on their shoulder,  
and the rod of their taskmaster  
you have smashed, as on the day of Midian.  
For every boot that tramped in battle,  
every cloak rolled in blood,  
will be burned as fuel for flames.  
For a child is born to us, a son is given us;  
upon his shoulder dominion rests.  
They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero,  
Father-Forever, Prince of Peace.  
His dominion is vast  
and forever peaceful,  
from David's throne, and over his kingdom,  
which he confirms and sustains  
by judgment and justice,  
both now and forever.  
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this!

### *Responsorial Psalm:* Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13.

**R** Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.

Sing to the LORD a new song;  
sing to the LORD, all you lands.  
Sing to the LORD; bless his name. **R**

Announce his salvation, day after day.  
Tell his glory among the nations;  
among all peoples, his wondrous deeds. **R**

Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice;  
let the sea and what fills it resound;  
let the plains be joyful and all that is in them!  
Then shall all the trees of the forest exult. **R**

They shall exult before the LORD, for he comes;  
for he comes to rule the earth.  
He shall rule the world with justice  
and the peoples with his constancy. **R**

### *Reading 2:* Ti 2:11-14

Beloved: The grace of God has appeared, saving all  
and training us to reject godless ways and worldly  
desires and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly  
in this age, as we await the blessed hope, the  
appearance of the glory of our great God and savior  
Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to deliver us  
from all lawlessness and to cleanse for himself a  
people as his own, eager to do what is good.

### *Gospel Acclamation:*

Alleluia, Alleluia.

I proclaim to you good news of great joy:  
today a Savior is born for us, Christ the Lord.

Alleluia, Alleluia.

### *Gospel:* Lk 2:1-14

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus  
that the whole world should be enrolled.

This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was  
governor of Syria.

So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town.

And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town  
of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is  
called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and  
family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his be-

trothed, who was with child. While they were there,  
the time came for her to have her child, and she gave  
birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swad-  
dling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there  
was no room for them in the inn.

Now there were shepherds in that region living in the  
fields and keeping the night watch over their flock.

The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory  
of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck  
with great fear.

The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid;  
for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy  
that will be for all the people.

For today in the city of David a savior has been born  
for you who is Christ and Lord.

And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant  
wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly  
host with the angel, praising God and saying:

"Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to  
those on whom his favor rests."

# The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

## December 26, 2021

### *Reading 1:* 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 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10.

**R Blessed are they who dwell  
in your house, O Lord.**

How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!  
My soul yearns and pines for the courts of the LORD.  
My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God. **R**

Happy they who dwell in your house!  
Continually they praise you.  
Happy the men whose strength you are!  
Their hearts are set upon the pilgrimage. **R**

O LORD of hosts, hear our prayer;  
hearken, O God of Jacob!  
O God, behold our shield,  
and look upon the face of your anointed. **R**

### *Reading 2:* 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24

Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. And so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us.

### *Gospel Acclamation:*

Alleluia, Alleluia.

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

Alleluia, Alleluia.

### *Gospel:* Lk 2:41-52

Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

# 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.  
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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