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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.
774-696-3008 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.

NOVEMBER 27, 2022

First Sunday of

ADVENT



LORD God, Your Church joyfully awaits the coming of its Savior, who enlightens our hearts and dispels the darkness of ignorance and sin.

Pour forth your blessings upon us as we light the candles of this wreath; may their light reflect the splendor of Christ, who is LORD, for ever and ever. Amen



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2022

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Two men will be out in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left. Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." - Mt 24:40-42

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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).





Mass Intentions

FAMILIES REQUESTING A MASS ARE WELCOME 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 (*Living Intention)

Saturday, November 26:

5:00 pm Walter J. Lucier
Requested by the Family

Sunday, November 27: 8 am Livestreamed Mass †

8:00 am (*Living Intention)
In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received
Requested by the Then Family

10:30 am Carol (Beaudreau) Boucher & Claire (Beaudreau) McGrail,
Would have been their 85th Birthday
Requested by Dave & Mary Meyer & Family

Monday, November 28:

8:00 am (*Living Intention) Continued healing for Mary Ellen Putnam
Requested by her sister Fran

Tuesday, November 29:

8:00 am Deceased members of the Carroll & Valeri Families
Requested by the Family

Wednesday, November 30:

8:00 am Anna Marie Nelson
Requested by the Family

Saturday, December 3:

5:00 pm Patricia Inangelo, 6th Anniversary
Requested by John Inangelo

Sunday, December 4: 8 am Livestreamed Mass †

8:00 am Simon Katonis & Family
Requested by Cindy Katinas
10:30 am Roger Marchand
Requested by the Parish



November 28: Monday Confessions in Advent: 6:00pm, Church: 12/5, 12/12, 12/19

November 29: Scripture Study & Faith Sharing, around 9 am, in the Church Hall (Tuesdays) following the Divine Mercy Chaplet

November 29: Adult Class - Fulfilled: The Promise of the Christian Life (Theology of the Body), 7-8:30 pm, Parish Center. Study Guides available at the first class. Future dates: 12/13.

December 3: Confessions, 3:30 - 4:30 pm

December 4: Rosary following the 10:30 am Mass (on the First Sunday of every month) Please join us.

December 5: Holy Hour, 5:55 -7:30 pm Please note time change.

December 6: Adult Class The Devil in the Castle (Progressing in Prayer) 7-8:30 pm, Parish Center. Future dates:12/20.

December 9: Holy Hour to Pray for Priests, 7-8 pm, Immaculate Conception Church, 353 Grove St. Worc. Every second Friday of the month.

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



*Please Pray For the
Repose of the Soul of*
† **Ernest (Ernie) E. Nichols**
Funeral Nov. 28, 2022 10 am
† **William Murphy**
Private Arrangements

November 20, 2022

Mass/Mailed in/Electronic Collections

Weekly Offering	\$ 3,033.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 2,273.50
Higher Utilities	\$ 160.00
All Saints Day	\$ 5.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 50.00
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Special Collections:

Campaign Human Development \$ 275.00

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!**



TABERNACLE LAMP



**St. Patrick's
Confirmation Class of 2022**

November 27 - December 3, 2022



A Message from the Pastor...

Dear Friends,

As we begin a new liturgical year in this Advent season, it is a time to begin anew parts of our journey that may have gone by the wayside. Over these next weeks of Advent, I'll be writing to you about a pathway to do just that.

In the midst of the pandemic, I drew closer to my prayer life through a community called *Apostoli Viae* (translated Apostles of the Way). Their goal is to live, light, and lead others to union with God. In doing so, I was introduced to a pathway to growth in Holiness called *the Paradigm of Ascent*. Dan Burke, Founder of this group and author of many books breaking down harder-to-understand aspects of the spiritual life, explains it this way:

*[The Paradigm of Ascent] represents the foundational practices of every saint of the past and of every holy person alive today. These are practices that St. Teresa assumed would be in place in the life of every reader who attempted to understand and follow what she outlines in The Interior Castle. The truths revealed in the paradigm are foundational in that, if they are not all present in some substantive way in your life, a deeper understanding of the interior life will remain beyond your grasp. This is a bad thing only if you fail to take the next steps to remedy whatever deficiency you uncover.**

He goes on to speak of 4 foundational elements to this framework to guide and lead us on our journey towards God. This week we will begin with the heart of the pathway, a “Yes” on our part if we are to begin moving towards Jesus who is at the heart of our faith and *the Interior Castle* St. Teresa uses to guide us on our journey:

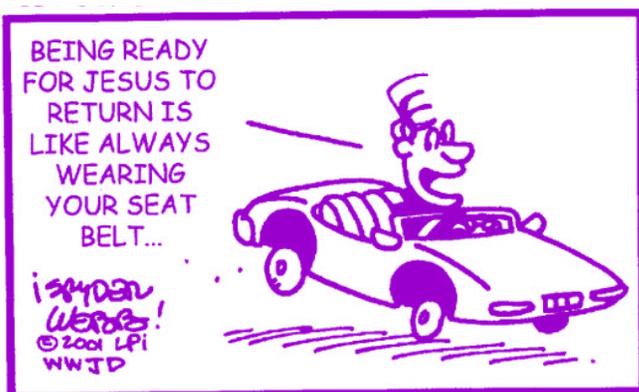
*The first foundational truth is that you must have an authentic yes in your heart to God to begin your journey into the castle. It is not enough merely to know about God or even to practice your Faith: you must know God intimately. This is the path of the mystics, but it is also the path every soul can know and must embrace to get to Heaven. This path is often obscure to most Catholics because it is not common for someone already in the Church to hear a pronounced or dramatic call to conversion. This call to conversion and even the warnings of Hell, however, were offered frequently by Jesus to those who were among His closest followers. Though you have been baptized and confirmed, you still must constantly recognize your need for God and for the conversion of life that draws you ever closer to Him.**



We are made for God, but without this authentic “Yes” from our hearts, we’ll never make any true strides forward with God. However, this is only one aspect of the framework that’ll set us up for this new life in Jesus. Next week, we’ll add another layer to our pathway. Happy New [Church] Year all!

God Bless, Fr. Jim

*Burke, Dan. *The Devil in the Castle: St. Teresa of Avila, Spiritual Warfare, and the Progress of the Soul* (p. 119-120). Sophia Institute Press. [Bold my emphasis]





Diocese of Worcester
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Advent 2022

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

No one likes to be caught unprepared for Christmas. Whether from oversight, neglect or accident we rightly feel terrible and our joy is diminished if an invited guest shows up for Christmas dinner and we don't have a gift for him. To avoid that embarrassment, we prepare for Christmas by making a list, thinking of a meaningful gifts for those on the list and shopping ahead of time for it.

Advent is a four week season of preparation. More fundamental than shopping for gifts, planning the dinner or sending a card, Advent is a time of *spiritual* preparation for joyfully commemorating Christ's first coming and being prepared for his second.

Jesus Christ, God's Son and our Savior, is the greatest gift we will ever receive. He is the true reason for joy at Christmas and throughout life. God with His abundant mercy and peaceful presence is with us. That presence and our faith strengthen us with a certain hope that as Christ conquered sin, death and evil, we can share forever in that joy, not just for a season but forever.

It takes a lived faith to believe and confidently absorb that outlook. The challenge of Advent is to prioritize our spiritual preparation because the pressures of life and secondary distractions of the season can divert our attention and dampen our awareness of the deeper and enduring spiritual joys of Christ's life and love.

May we include deep spiritual preparation this Advent along with our other tasks. We can do both. May we search gift catalogs and study the scriptures, send cards and offer prayers, decorate the house and prepare our souls, attend concerts and parties, and go to Mass and Confession.

That spiritual preparation will allow us to celebrate Christmas with deep and lasting spiritual joy. It will also allow us to avoid being empty handed when He returns but rather full of profound hope, wonder and peace.

With every prayerful best wish for a Blessed Advent, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester

Registration Information now available!



Plan now to attend the 50th annual March for Life in Washington, DC on **Friday, January 20, 2023!**

Buses will leave from St. Paul's Cathedral on Thursday, January 19 following the Respect Life Mass at 7:30 pm, and will travel to the Basilica of National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC in time for Friday morning Mass, followed by the March for Life at noon. Buses will return to Worcester immediately following the March, arriving back at St. Paul's at approximately 1:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 21. Cost is \$130 per seat. **Registration deadline is December 15.**

Registrations will be accepted on a first-come-first-served basis. For more details and a registration form, visit worcesterdiocese.org/r... or contact the Respect Life Office at 508-929-4311 or aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org.

Can't attend this year but want to help? Consider making a donation that will help defray expenses for our students who want to attend but might otherwise find it difficult to do so. Thank you!



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.

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 Today!



Return your Gift to the Church by December 15th



Rutland Food Pantry

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

Upcoming Distribution Dates

December

Note: Only 1 Distribution in December

Saturday, December 17, 2022

9:00 - 11:00 AM

Our specific food needs for the Holidays are:

Stuffing
Cranberry Sauce
Pie Crusts
Pie Filling (Any Flavor)
Quick Breads
Mushroom Soup
French Cut Green Beans
Dried Onions
Gravy
Coffee/Tea

Thank you to all who supported our Thanksgiving Distribution by supplying a Turkey or donations to the Food Pantry!

May the Lord bless you abundantly.

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

God Bless and Thank You



Join Our Family For

Dismas Christmas

Fourth Annual Tree Sale

Saturday Nov. 26th & Saturday Dec. 3rd and 10th
11 AM to 4 PM

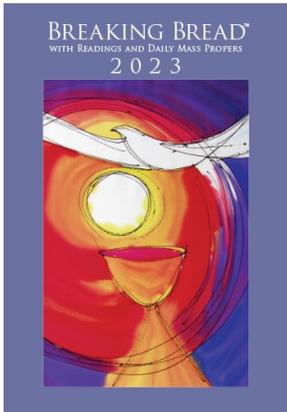
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**Where Do I Find the
Readings for Mass?**

Starting today, the readings for the weekend Masses may be found in the new *Breaking Bread Missals 2023*.

Readings are also available on the St. Patrick Website at <https://stpatricksrutland.org/>

High School Students, please continue to pick up your paper copy of the Mass readings at the entrances of the Church, before Mass starts.

Gifts for Our Homebound Parishioners

Join us for a fun craft night as we make gifts for our homebound parishioners.

**Wednesday, November 30th, 6-8 pm
in the Parish Center Hall.**



**Bring a glue gun
and scissors
if you have them.**

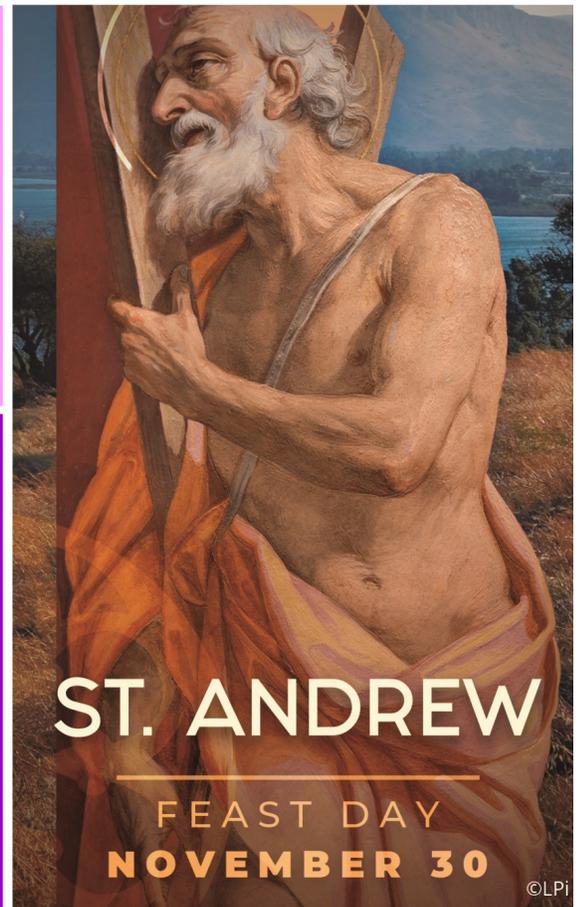


Other supplies will be provided.

**Please let us know you are coming
so we have sufficient supplies.**

**Call the Parish Center - 508-886-4984
or text Denise Skrocki at 508-612-1243.**

Let's have some fun!



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Andrew was a fisherman in Galilee, along with his brother, Peter, when they were called by Jesus to leave their boat and become fishers of men. John's Gospel also places him as a follower of John the Baptist before he came to be one of Jesus' twelve Disciples. Beyond the scant references in the Gospels, not much is known of Saint Andrew's life.

According to Christian tradition Saint Andrew, like many of his fellow Disciples, went out into Greece and Turkey to preach the Good News. A 4th century account of the saint's life tells of his martyrdom by crucifixion in Patras. Medieval accounts describe the cross used as X-shaped because Andrew said he was not worthy to die on the same style of cross as Jesus.

Famously, Saint Andrew is the patron Saint of Scotland, the country's flag bearing the X-shaped cross associated with him. Legends claim that the saint either traveled to Scotland to spread the Gospel or that his relics were brought there by St. Regulus who had a vision telling him to take the bones to the end of the earth. Regulus set out and was shipwrecked on the coast of Scotland. Today relics of St. Andrew which had been held by the Vatican are now at a shrine in Patras.



Come along as we visit . . .

The National Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette and the 2022 Christmas Festival of Lights after a fun meal at **Wright's Chicken Farm Restaurant**

Sunday, December 4, 2022

Departure: 11:30 am from
St. Patrick's Parking Lot

Return Home: Approximately 8:30 pm

Price: \$68.00 per Adult, \$58.00 per Child.
(Includes the meal and donation to La Salette)
Refer to Flyer at Church Entrances

- Make checks payable to St. Patrick Church
- Call to book your seat **508-886-4984** or **sign up at the doors of the church.**



Call Parish Office for questions. **508-886-4984**

It's
Time



Bring
Back

THE DONUTS!

But so far,
**no one has volunteered to help
bring this fun service to the parish!**

We would like to bring back donuts, juice
and coffee after the Sunday Masses
starting in December.

Are you willing to help?
We need three or four families/volunteers
to coordinate this effort.

We need someone to pick-up the donuts.
(We are trying to get them delivered.)

One family/volunteer would set up before the
8 am Mass and start the coffee.

Another family/volunteer would set up before
the 10:30 am Mass and clean up after the event.

Please let us know you can help by
calling the Parish Office: **508-886-4984.**

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1st Sunday of Advent

*"Therefore, stay awake!
For you do not know
on which day your Lord will come."*

Matthew 24:42

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and you begin to see God's active presence in your life. You grow in gratitude, each day, for all that we have been given.



BULLETIN BLOOPERS!!!

Taken from bulletins
across the country.

For those of you who have children
and don't know it, we have a nursery
down stairs.

The Rev. Merriweather spoke briefly,
much to the delight of the audience.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were
married on October 24 in the church.
So ends a friendship that began in
their school days.

Litany of Humility



O Jesus! meek and humble of heart,
Hear me.

From the desire of being esteemed,
From the desire of being loved,
From the desire of being extolled,
From the desire of being honored,
From the desire of being praised,
From the desire of being preferred to others,
From the desire of being consulted,
From the desire of being approved,
From the fear of being humiliated,
From the fear of being despised,
From the fear of suffering rebukes,
From the fear of being calumniated,
From the fear of being forgotten,
From the fear of being ridiculed,
From the fear of being wronged,
From the fear of being suspected,

Deliver
me,
Jesus.

That others may be loved more than I,
That others may be esteemed more than I,
That, in the opinion of the world, others may increase and I may decrease,
That others may be chosen and I set aside,
That others may be praised and I unnoticed,
That others may be preferred to me in everything,
That others may become holier than I, provided that I may become as holy as I should,

Jesus, grant me the grace
to desire it.

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