

St. Patrick Parish

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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

508- 886-4724 Jackie O'Brien

January 22, 2023



SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2023

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." - Mt 4:19



**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 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, January 21:

5:00 pm Irene & Leon Lamarche

Requested by the Bailey Family

Sunday, January 22: 8 am Livestreamed Mass ☩

8:00 am Joanne L. Dillon, 1st Anniversary

Requested by the Family

10:30 am Anna Marie Nelson

Requested by the Family

Monday, January 23: Celebrant: Msgr. John Doran

8:00 am (*Living Intention) Cindy Katinas

Requested by Mark Alarie

Tuesday, January 24: Celebrant: Msgr. John Doran

8:00 am (*Living Intention) Healing for Cynthia Perrault

Requested by Ann Morando

Wednesday, January 25: Celebrant: Msgr. John Doran

8:00 am (*Living Intention) Continued healing for

Ann Morando & daughter Donna Monahan

Requested by the Family

Saturday, January 28:

5:00 pm Rose, Matthew & Matthew Jr. Dolan

Requested by Mary Galli

Sunday, January 29: 8 am Livestreamed Mass ☩

8:00 am

10:30 am Sella Apamo (Sister of Jesciah Gannon)

Requested by the Parish



January 24: Scripture Study & Faith Sharing, around 9 am, in the Church Hall (Tuesdays) following the Divine Mercy Chaplet

January 24: Adult Class *The Devil in the Castle* (*Progressing in Prayer*) NO CLASS today.

January 28: Confessions, 3:30 - 4:30 pm

January 31: Adult Class *The Devil in the Castle* (*Progressing in Prayer*) 7-8:30 pm, Parish Center. Future dates: 2/14, 2/28.

February 5: Rosary following the 10:30 am Mass (First Sunday of every month) Please join us.

February 6: Holy Hour, 6:30 - 7:30 pm.

February 7: 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: 2/21, 3/7, 3/14, 3/28.

February 10: Holy Hour to Pray for Priests, 7-8 pm, Immaculate Conception Church, 353 Grove St. Worc. Every second Friday of the month.

February 20: Holy Hour, 6:30 - 7:30 pm.

February 22: ASH Wednesday, Masses at 8 am and 7 pm.

March 24-27: Light of the World Parish Retreat, Please join us. Watch future bulletins for more details.



January 15, 2023

Mass/Mailed in/Electronic Collections

Weekly Offering	\$ 2,982.50
Electronic Giving	\$ 1,997.30
Higher Utilities	\$ 170.00
	\$ 5,149.80

Special Collections:

Catholic University \$ 55.00

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!**



Prayer
Request

Are you in need prayers?
Want to support others in prayer?

Contact our Prayer Chain:

Paula Stidsen at 508-886-2206

or PaulaStidsen@gmail.com

or Jackie O'Brien at 508-886-4724

A Message from the Pastor...

Dear Friends,

Last week, I wrote about the podcast of *Catechism in a Year*, that many have already begun listening to on their favorite podcast platform. A sequel to *Bible in a Year*, I would argue that these two resources, slowly taken in each day, would be **Enormously Beneficial** to the Parish. But why? Why take 20 minutes a day to listen to one of these podcasts?

The biggest reason is this: ***We don't know our faith...*** Since the Second Vatican Council, we have gone through a Crisis in Catechesis. Multiple generations of Catholics have struggled to take in the faith for a variety of reasons. In the period immediately following the council, the blame falls on many who wished to reimagine the Church in the image and likeness of the world instead of Jesus Christ.

To be sure, we've seen throughout the history of the Church's existence, have since Christ ascended into Heaven, aspects of the faith that have had seasons of emphasis. Because of this, there has been times where what is supposed to be a focal point – **The Integration of Head and Heart** – falls too heavy on either side. When too heavy on the mind and the Truths of the Faith, it can feel like one is being bludgeoned because it feels the Love of Christ is far from us. However, in the era we live in, the Heart has a greater emphasis, the danger is falling into **Moral Relativism**, a problem in that *my truth* is all that matters and there is no *Objective Truth*.

The consequence then becomes apparent: When we look at **Divine Revelation** – all that is given to us by God who shows us who He is, who we are, and how we are to enter into communion with Him – as merely a suggestion, then is it any mystery that Mass Attendance has dropped from 75%+ to less than 25% around the country? (Note well: it's dropped even more here in the Northeast)

Even more than that, there are many who don't believe a personal relationship with God is possible. Yet, ***this is central to our Catholic Faith! We have a God who loved us so much, that to combat the very sins we've fallen into, entered into time and space to restore us to a fullness of relationship with God. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we must personally accept God's free gift of salvation in Jesus and start to live it through Him, with Him, and in Him!***

This is the goal of the Light of the World Retreats we've been running – to facilitate this initial step so that things like *Catechism in a Year*, *Bible in a Year*, any of the Classes I've been teaching, or various other ways to grow in the faith like *formed.org* can start to take root, and from that – we start to make a gift of ourselves in serving one another in and through the Parish Community.

It all comes together! Yet the things that often stop us are the clutter of our lives that we choose to fill ourselves with. We've become more students of the world and crazy culture than we have been Disciples of Jesus Christ. Yet, it doesn't have to remain that way...

In this new year, take an opportunity to change things. "Seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." (Matthew 7:7)

God Bless,

Fr. Jim



On the
Lighter Side...



Riddles

Going Down!! As the storm raged, the captain realized his ship was sinking fast. He called out, "Anyone here know how to pray?" One man stepped forward. "Aye, Captain, I know how to pray." "Good," said the captain, "you pray while the rest of us put on our life jackets — we're one short."



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49 Elm Street
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January 2023

My dear brothers and sisters in the Lord,

On Monday, January 23, 2023, the Church throughout the United States will observe the “Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children”. This observance is designated by the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* (n. 373), as a particular day of prayer and penance, reminding us of our preeminent priority to pray and work for an end to the tragic scourge of abortion. All the faithful in dioceses throughout the United States of America are called to observe this day in a spirit of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for the violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion.

While the U.S. Supreme Court’s ruling last June in the case *Dobbs vs. Jackson Women’s Health* thankfully overturned the infamous and unjust 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision that legalized abortion in the U.S. throughout all nine months of pregnancy, the issue of the legalized abortion has now returned to the states and our work is far from over.

Fifty years of legalized abortion in this country has left an incomprehensible aftermath. With millions of lives lost, and countless women and men, mothers and fathers, grandparents, siblings, and friends who have been deeply wounded physically, emotionally, and spiritually by this tragedy, we need now more than ever to re-commit ourselves to defending life. I encourage our diocesan parishes and institutions, and all the faithful, to reverently observe the **Day of Prayer and Penance on January 23rd** both personally and within your communities. Let us unite our hearts and minds through special acts of prayer, fasting, and sacrifice on this day and in the months to come, to uphold the inherent dignity of all human life from conception to natural death.

As we reflect on this unspeakable tragedy, we also recall how the Church for many years has continued to reach out to those who have been so sadly affected by the culture of death, particularly through ministries providing aid to women and families in crisis pregnancies, offering the healing love and mercy of Christ to those wounded by abortion through the ministry of Project Rachel, and by continuing to teach and preach the truth and beauty about love and life that bring authentic freedom and happiness. It is through our prayers, charitable works, and loving sacrifices that the culture can be transformed.

Let us take this opportunity of the January 23rd Day of Prayer and Penance to renew our resolve to live and proclaim the Gospel of Life. May we respond generously to the challenge Saint Pope John Paul II put forth in *Evangelium vitae*: “A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. May an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and Lover of life, from the heart of every believer.” Our active participation in the shared commitment to the sacredness of human life and the dignity of the human person will, with God’s grace, truly work toward the building up of a Culture of Life and a Civilization of Love.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester

Adult Confirmation

The 2023
Adult Confirmation
Celebration will be held
on Sunday, Feb. 19 at 3pm
at the Cathedral of St. Paul.

This ceremony is for baptized, already catechized Roman Catholic adults—18 years old and older—who have not previously been confirmed.

Registration deadline is February 3.

An adult confirmation **retreat** is scheduled for **Sunday, Feb. 5 at 2 pm** at Our Lady of Hope Parish, North Grafton. This is an optional retreat which invites the candidates to reflect prayerfully on their experience as people of faith and the meaning of the sacrament of confirmation.

Registration deadline for the retreat is January 27. For further information and registration visit our website: worcesterdioocese.org/c...

Sacrament of CONFIRMATION



Men's Conference Kick-Off Breakfast

The Worcester Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference will be holding a Kickoff Breakfast on **Saturday, Jan. 28** at Christ the King Church, 1052 Pleasant St. Worcester, beginning with a Mass celebrated by Bishop McManus at 8:00 AM. Breakfast and a very brief overview of the 2023 Men's Conference will follow.

All current Parish Contacts, or anyone who would like to volunteer as a Parish Contact this year, are encouraged to attend. Pre-registration is required.

Please RSVP by email: tjarvis1618@gmail.com

*To live your true
calling is a life of joy,
but you will only hear
His voice if you take the
time to listen.*



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“As the family goes,
so goes the nation,
and so goes the
whole world
in which
we live.”
ST. JOHN PAUL II

Day of Prayer
for the Legal
Protection of
Unborn Children
JANUARY 23, 2023



WAYS TO SERVE AT ST. PATRICK'S

- ♥ ALTAR SERVER
- ♥ BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY
- ♥ DISMAS HOUSE
- ♥ LECTOR
- ♥ PRAY FOR PRAYER CHAIN INTENTIONS
- ♥ VISITATION MINISTRY
- ♥ OTHER WAYS...

LET US KNOW HOW YOU WOULD LIKE TO SERVE. CALL 508-886-4984. *BLESS YOU...*

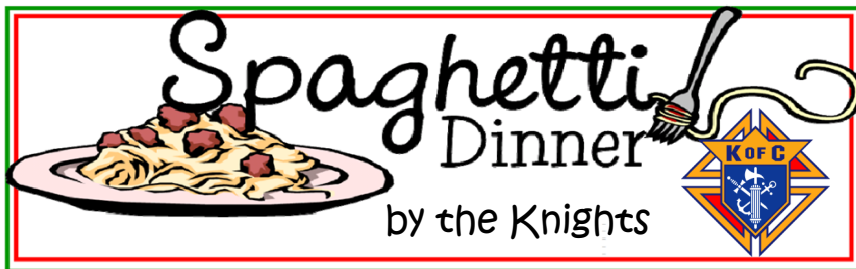


Our desire
for God
can only
grow when
we place
ourselves in
His presence.

-Pope Francis



Enjoy a Break from Cooking!



Inside Dining in Back!
Take-Out is Available Too!

Date: Saturday, January 28, 2023
5:00 to 7:00 PM

Location: Lower level - Parish Center

Cost: Goodwill Offering Gladly Accepted
Recommend **\$7.00 per Adult,**
\$5.00 per Child

We accept cash, checks or Venmo.

To Reserve Your Seat or Order Take Out:

Sign up by **Wednesday, January 25th**

- **Sign-up** at the entrances of the Church or
- Email turgeodj@gmail.com or
DAS@stpatricksrutland.org or
- Call Denise at the Parish Center: 508-886-4984
 - Please provide your full name, telephone number, and the number of meals desired.

Dinner Includes:

*Spaghetti, sauce, meatballs (optional),
salad with Italian dressing, and bread roll.*

Note: A **Gluten-free Option is Available!**

COME SPEND TIME WITH JESUS...

Holy Hour, 6:30 -7:30 pm

February 6

February 20

Usually the 1st & 3rd Monday of the month.

This year for Lent,
don't just change your habits.

DO SOMETHING THAT WILL **CHANGE YOUR LIFE**



Light of the World
PARISH RETREAT

COME JOIN US!

Our own parish retreat
Light of the World (LOTW)
March 24-27, 2023

This is a wonderful opportunity for our parishioners to grow
in their personal relationship
with Jesus Christ.

All retreat activities will be held on parish grounds.
If you are interested in learning more about LOTW,
please **contact Chris Hayes**
at cbag14@charter.net
or 508-735-2429

YOU CAN HELP BUILD A CULTURE OF LIFE!

Please join us for any of the events taking place this
January as we join in national and local efforts to pray
and advocate for a renewed reverence for the sacredness
of every human life from conception to natural death.



January 23 National Day of Prayer

Did you know that in Dioceses throughout the
United States, January 23 (when Jan. 22 falls
on a Sunday as it does this year) is designated
as a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of
Unborn Children? As Catholics, we are called
to observe this day through the penitential
practices of prayer, fasting and/or giving alms,
in a way similar to our Lenten practices. Learn more about
how you can participate at [https://
www.worcesterdiocese.org/jan-22-day-of-prayer](https://www.worcesterdiocese.org/jan-22-day-of-prayer).



Rutland Food Pantry

Upcoming Distribution Dates

Date	Time
January	
Saturday, January 28, 2023	9:00 - 10:30 AM
February	
Thursday, February 9, 2023	6:00 - 7:30 PM
Saturday, February 25, 2023	9:00 - 10:30 AM

Our immediate Wish List:

SOUP – We need SOUP – LOTS OF SOUP!

- Vegetables: Corn, Carrots, Peas
- Boxed and Canned potatoes
- Hamburger Helper, Pasta Sides
- Cereal: Hot & Cold (Low Sugar also needed)
- Coffee & Tea (Decaf and Regular) – Cocoa
- Rice: Rice Pilaf, Chicken & Beef Flavored
- Pasta Sauce: Family size jars and cans
- Jelly

All of us at the Rutland Food Pantry
wish you and your loved ones
blessings and peace in this New Year!

Thank you...

January 22, 2023 - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"He called them, and immediately
they left their boat and their father and followed Him."
Matthew 4:22*

Just as Jesus called
the first apostles, He
calls each of us to fol-
low Him, too. Not eve-
ryone is called to leave
their business or family
behind, but we are ex-
pected to put God first
in everything.



In gratitude to God, we should give our first and best
of everything to Him: our time in daily prayer, our
talent in participating in one of our parish ministries
and our treasure to support the financial needs of
our parish mission.

P R A Y

LITANY OF TRUST

*The Litany of Trust is a prayer composed by Sr. Faustina Maria Pia, SV of the Sisters of Life.
In it, we ask Jesus to deliver us from the things that hold us bound, and we place our trust in His promises.*

From the belief that I have to earn
Your love
Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear that I am unlovable
Deliver me, Jesus.

From the false security
that I have what it takes
Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear that trusting You
will leave me more destitute
Deliver me, Jesus.

From all suspicion of Your words and
promises
Deliver me, Jesus.

From the rebellion against childlike
dependency on You
Deliver me, Jesus.

From refusals and reluctances in accepting Your will
Deliver me, Jesus.

From anxiety about the future
Deliver me, Jesus.

From resentment or excessive preoccupation with the past
Deliver me, Jesus.

From restless self-seeking in the present moment
Deliver me, Jesus.

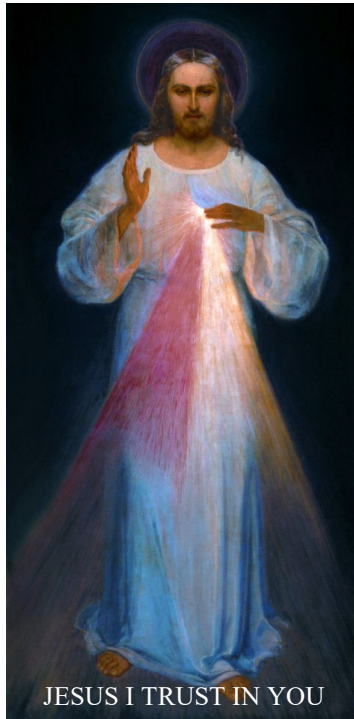
From disbelief in Your love and presence
Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear of being asked to give more than I have
Deliver me, Jesus.

From the belief that my life has no meaning or worth
Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear of what love demands
Deliver me, Jesus.

From discouragement
Deliver me, Jesus.



That You are continually holding me,
sustaining me, loving me
Jesus, I trust in You.

That Your love goes deeper
than my sins and failings and transforms
me
Jesus, I trust in You.

That not knowing what tomorrow brings
is an invitation to lean on You
Jesus, I trust in You.

That You are with me in my suffering
Jesus, I trust in You.

That my suffering, united to Your own,
will bear fruit in this life and the next
Jesus, I trust in You.

That You will not leave me orphan,
that You are present in Your Church
Jesus, I trust in You.

That Your plan is better than anything else
Jesus, I trust in You.

That You always hear me and in Your goodness
always respond to me
Jesus, I trust in You.

That You give me the grace to accept forgiveness
and to forgive others
Jesus, I trust in You.

That You give me all the strength I need
for what is asked
Jesus, I trust in You.

That my life is a gift
Jesus, I trust in You.

That You will teach me to trust You
Jesus, I trust in You.

That You are my Lord and my God
Jesus, I trust in You.


That I am Your beloved one
Jesus, I trust in You.

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