

# 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.

Paula Stidsen 774-696-3008

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*March 19, 2023*



**SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2023**

## **4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" - Jn 9:35

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

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*Lord, help me  
walk with you.*

## **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, March 18:

**5:00 pm** Walter J. Lucier

Requested by the Family

### Sunday, March 19: 8 am Livestreamed Mass †

**8:00 am** Paul & Beverly Bracconnier

Requested by Cindy Katinas

**10:30 am** Richard Clifford

Requested by the Clifford Family

### Monday, March 20:

**8:00 am** Anthony F. Luca

Requested by Joe Luca

### Tuesday, March 21:

**8:00 am** Theresa I. Bertrand

Requested by her Daughter

### Wednesday, March 22:

**8:00 am** Richard & Valerie Katinas

Requested by Cindy Katinas

### Saturday, March 25:

**5:00 pm** Pauline Twohig, 1st Anniversary

Requested by the Leahy Family

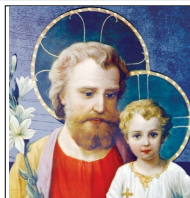
### Sunday, March 26: 8 am Livestreamed Mass †

**8:00 am** Francis Croteau

Requested by the McMahon Family

**10:30 am** John Leger

Requested by the Parish



**March 20: Feast of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mass, 8:00 am**  
(Usually celebrated on March 19th)

**March 20: Holy Hour, 5:55 - 7:30 pm.**

**March 20: Confessions, 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

**March 21: Scripture Study & Faith Sharing, 9 am,** in the Church Hall (Tuesdays) following the Divine Mercy Chaplet

**March 21: Adult Class #8 - Fulfilled: The Promise of the Christian Life (Theology of the Body), 7-8:30 pm,** Parish Center. Future dates: 3/28, 4/4, 4/11, 4/18

**March 24: Stations of the Cross, 7 pm,** in the Church

**March 24-27: Light of the World Parish Retreat,** Please join us. Invest in your relationship with Jesus

**March 25: Confessions, 3:30 - 4:30 pm**

**March 25-26: Light of the World Adoration In the Church,** please sign up at the doors of the Church

**Saturday, March 25th, 7:30 am - 4:00 pm**

**Sunday, March 26th, 12 noon - 4:30 pm.**

**March 27: Confessions, 6:00 - 7:00 pm.**

**April 2: Rosary** following the 10:30 am Mass (First Sunday of every month) Please join us.

**April 2: Palm Sunday, Ecumenical Blessing of the Palms, 10:30 am,** between the churches

**April 6: Triduum Begins: Holy Thursday,**

**8:00 am - Morning Prayer,** In the Church

**7:00 pm - Mass,** in the Church

**April 7: Triduum Continues: Good Friday,**

**8:00 am - Morning Prayer,** in the Church

**3:00 pm - Stations of the Cross,** in the Church

**7:00 pm - Mass,** in the Church

**April 8: Triduum Continues: Holy Saturday,**

**8:00 am - Morning Prayer,** in the Church

**April 8: Easter Vigil Mass, 4:00 pm,** in the Church

**April 9: Easter Sunday Masses,**

**8:00 am,** in the Church

**10:30 am,** in the Church

**April 11: Blanket Ministry Night, 6:00 - 8:00 pm,** Parish Center Hall

## March 12, 2023

### Mass/Mailed in/Electronic Collections

Weekly Offering	\$ 2,592.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 1,605.80
Higher Utilities	\$ 495.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 105.00
	<b>\$ 4,797.80</b>

Thank you...



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Our Goal 2023: \$61,800

Received to Date: \$7,125

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## A Message from the Pastor...

Dear Friends,

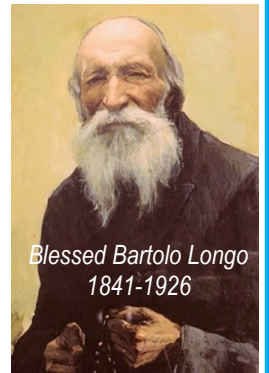
As we join together this Laetare Sunday (meaning to rejoice as we continue our Lenten journeys), we also celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph. There are so many reasons to seek his intercession, especially as Protector of the Universal Church (meaning the Church all over the world). One such person who knew both the power of his intercession and Mary was Blessed Bartolo Longo. Fr. Donald Calloway, a Marian Priest from the Marian Fathers in Stockbridge, MA describes him this way:

*"Have you heard of Blessed Bartolo Longo, who lived during the late 19th and early 20th century? He was born in Latiano, Italy, to a devout Catholic family. As a young man, he studied law at the University of Naples. After being swept away by various political ideologies, he became anti-Catholic, radically opposed to what he believed were the "old wives' tales" of Catholicism. Within a short period of time, he went from adhering to nationalistic ideologies to becoming involved in spiritualism. This led him to attend séances and become an ordained priest of Satan.*



Blessed Bartolo Longo

*Bartolo's involvement with the occult and spiritualism left him empty and unhappy. He suffered from hallucinations, torturous nightmares, frazzled nerves, bodily ailments, and severe depression. Seeking guidance, he turned to a friend and Dominican priest and began to experience a radical conversion. Fearing for his soul, he renounced spiritualism and its practices and turned back to the Catholicism of his youth. In gratitude for having been delivered from the occult, he became a Third Order Dominican and dedicated his life to the spread of the rosary, especially by renewing the Catholic faith in the ancient city of Pompeii and building there the Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary. He was also very devoted to St. Joseph, prayed to him every day, and was particularly fond of his title "Terror of Demons." Bartolo had such a great love for St. Joseph that he told everyone to go to Joseph in their fight against temptations of any kind. Bartolo Longo, the former satanic priest, was beatified by St. John Paul II in 1980."*\*



Blessed Bartolo Longo  
1841-1926

Blessed Bartolo would speak of St. Joseph's powerful intercession in many ways throughout his life saying: *"It is a great blessing for souls to be under the protection of the saint whose name makes demons Tremble and flee"*\* and *"Pronounce often and with great confidence the names of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Their names bring peace, love, health, blessings, majesty, glory, admiration, joy, happiness, and veneration. Their holy names are a blessing to angels and men, And a terror to demons. Christians should always have the names of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph in their hearts and on their lips."*\*

Fr. Calloway concludes by stating:

*"The life of Blessed Bartolo Longo gives us proof that St. Joseph is a powerful intercessor against the forces of darkness. Saint Joseph sees the face of God and has power over evil because he is pure. On earth, he gazed upon the face of Jesus for decades. In heaven, he gazes upon the divine countenance forever. The radiance of St. Joseph's face blinds the demons of hell. The purity of St. Joseph terrorizes Satan."*\*

In this Lenten season, let us seek St. Joseph's intercession more and more, especially those who like St. Joseph, are heads of households and protectors of their own families.

St. Joseph, Pray for us.

God Bless,

Fr. Jim



St Joseph  
Terror Of Demons  
Painted by Fr. Calloway

\*- <https://focusequip.org/consecration-to-st-joseph-and-purity/>

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

# DO SOMETHING THAT WILL **CHANGE YOUR LIFE**



Light of the World  
PARISH RETREAT

## **IS THE LORD CALLING YOU? JOIN US! Last chance to Sign Up!**

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

This is a wonderful opportunity for each of us to grow  
in our personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

### **COME AND SEE! SIGN UP AT THE ENTRANCES OF THE CHURCH TODAY!**

All retreat activities will be held on parish grounds.  
If you are interested in learning more about LOTW,

Questions? Please **contact Chris Hayes**

at **[cbag14@charter.net](mailto:cbag14@charter.net)**

or 508-735-2429



### **EXTENDED ADORATION MARCH 25TH AND 26TH**

In conjunction with the upcoming  
Light of the World parish retreat,  
there will be a weekend of  
*Exposition and Adoration  
of the Blessed Sacrament*  
on March 25 and 26.

To assure we never leave the Blessed Sacrament  
alone, there are sign-up sheets at the entrances to the  
church. Please sign up and enjoy a Holy Hour before  
the Blessed Sacrament in prayer and devotion.

*Spend time with the living God!*

Thank you for signing up early.



## **Rutland Food Pantry**

### **Upcoming Distribution Dates**

Date	Time
<b>March</b>	
Saturday, March 25, 2023	9:00 - 10:30 AM
<b>April</b>	
Thursday, April 13, 2023	6:00 - 7:30 PM
Saturday, April 22, 2023	9:00 - 10:30 AM

Our current Wish List:  
(Non-expired food only, please)

- ☐ Easter Candy
- ☐ Hamburger Helper
- ☐ Boxed/Canned Potatoes
- ☐ Canned Pasta
- ☐ Ramen
- ☐ Snacks for kids
- ☐ Quick Breads/Muffin Mixes
- ☐ Coffee/Tea
- ☐ Low Salt/Sugar Free/Gluten Free items

All at the Rutland Foods Pantry are very grateful for  
your continued support



I have  
called you.  
And you  
are mine.



## **Confessions Before Easter**

**Mondays: March 20, 27, April 3**

**Saturdays: March 25, April 1.**

# **RECONCILIATION**



## 4th SUNDAY OF LENT

*"Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart."*

1 Samuel 16:7

How often do we invest our time, talent and treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter at all to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness will impress God. Instead, He will look into our hearts to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others and how we showed that love by the way we used our time, talent and treasure here on earth.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us for the  
STATIONS  
OF THE  
CROSS  
in the Church

March 24: 7pm

March 31: 7pm

**Living Stations of the Cross**

April 7: 3pm, Good Friday

## Diocesan Mass for Life

The annual Mass for Life will be celebrated by Bishop Robert J. McManus on **Friday, Mar. 24 at 10:00 am.** Cathedral of St. Paul.



All are invited to join students from our Catholic schools who will be our special guests. The Diocese of Worcester's annual Pro-Life Awards will also be presented at this Mass.

All are welcome to attend!



**Lenten Mission** *Apart from Me, You Can Do Nothing*  
March 15, 16 & 17, 2023 *John 15:5*

Thank you to Fr. Christopher Peschel, for leading our Lenten Mission this year.  
*May the LORD bless you and keep you. Amen.*



## WAYS TO SERVE AT ST. PATRICK'S

- ♥ ALTAR SERVER
- ♥ DISMAS HOUSE
- ♥ BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY
- ♥ LECTOR
- ♥ PRAY FOR PRAYER CHAIN INTENTIONS
- ♥ VISITATION MINISTRY
- ♥ SUNDAY MORNING DONUT & COFFEE MINISTRY
- ♥ OTHER WAYS...

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



# LEN

fast . pray . give

If you would like to join our Religious Education Students in these Lenten Giving Programs...



**On March 18th and 19th: Visitation House**  
**Drop your donation at the entrances to the Church.**

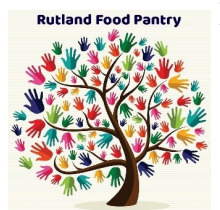


#### Donations:

- ☐ Size 3 Diapers
- ☐ Medium gloves
- ☐ Bottled water
- ☐ New baby clothes:  
Newborn – 12 months
- ☐ Cleaning supplies (paper towels, Lysol, Clorox wipes, etc.)

**On March 25 and 26: Rutland Food Pantry – Operation Snack Bags for April vacation week**

**Drop your donation at the entrances to the Church.**



#### Donations of single serve snacks:

- ☐ Bags of applesauce
- ☐ Individual cups of fruit
- ☐ Individual cups of pudding
- ☐ Cookies
- ☐ Crackers
- ☐ Other individual size snacks

**Watch the bulletin for Project Updates!**



## Knights of Columbus "Knight's Corner"

The Knights are selling raffle tickets to support those in our parish community in need. There are 5 cash prizes including a grand prize of \$1,000. Tickets are limited and cost \$20. See a Knight after Mass to purchase your winning ticket!

A live drawing will be held on  
 Saturday, April 15th  
 at the Parish Center.  
 Thank you for your support!

# LEN

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**THANK YOU to all who joined in our first two Lenten projects:**

#### 1. Cards and Small Acts of Kindness.

Hand designed and purchased cards were delivered to members of the Rutland Senior Center,



residents at Holden Rehabilitation & Skilled Nursing Center and St. Patrick's homebound.

#### 2. Donations of Socks and Men's Toiletries to Jeremiah's Inn and Veterans Inc.



**WOW! Thank you!**



**PRAY**



**FAST**




**GIVE**



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