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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 26, 2023



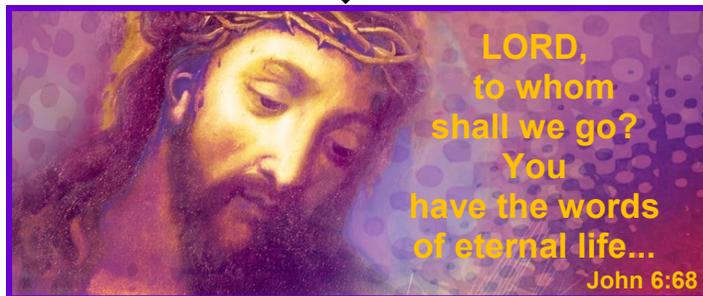
SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2023

## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live."  
- Jn 11:25

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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

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TO SCHEDULE A MASS INTENTION OR REQUEST A TABERNACLE LAMP, PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE: 508-886-4984 (\*Living Intention)

**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 McMahan Family

**10:30 am** John Leger  
Requested by the Parish

**Monday, March 27:**

**8:00 am** Claire Gamache  
Requested Allen & Joyce Gamache

**Tuesday, March 28:**

**8:00 am** Anna Marie Nelson  
Requested by the Family

**Wednesday, March 29:**

**8:00 am** Carmela R. Luca  
Requested by Joe Luca

**Saturday, April 1:**

**5:00 pm** Nancy M. Isernio, 5th Anniversary  
Requested by Deacon Pierre & Carol Gemme

**Sunday, April 2: 8 am Livestreamed Mass †**

**8:00 am** Raymond J. Becker, Jr.  
Requested by the Family

**10:30 am**



**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**

**March 28: Scripture Study & Faith Sharing, 9 am,** in the Church Hall (Tuesdays) following the Divine Mercy Chaplet

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

**March 31: LIVING Stations of the Cross, 7 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 3: Holy Hour, 5:55 -7:30 pm**

**April 3: Confessions, 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

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

**8:00 am - Morning Prayer**

**7:00 pm - Mass**

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

**8:00 am - Morning Prayer**

**3:00 pm - Stations of the Cross**

**7:00 pm - Mass**

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

**8:00 am - Morning Prayer**

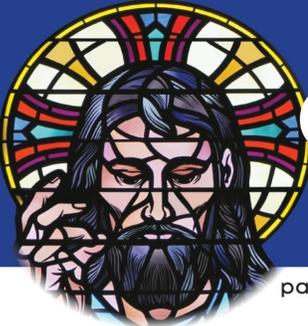
**April 8: Easter Vigil Mass, 7:30 pm**

**April 9: Easter Sunday Masses,**

**8:00 am**

**10:30 am**

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



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**March 19, 2023**

**Mass/Mailed in/Electronic Collections**

Weekly Offering	\$ 3,696.50
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Higher Utilities	\$ 315.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 505.00
Easter Offering	\$ 40.00
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	\$ 6,670.00

**Special Collections:**

**Catholic Relief Services \$ 60.00**  
**Holy Land-Good Friday \$ 25.00**



## A Message from the Pastor...

Dear Friends,

This week, as we enter the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent, the Church becomes very intentional about celebrating Jesus' Passion. In recent years, you have no doubt noticed the statues get covered in purple cloths during this time through Holy Saturday and wondered about why this is. Now is a good time to place before you again an article that explains all of what is called **Passiontide**:

*Traditionally the final two weeks of Lent in the Roman Rite are used as an immediate preparation for the sorrowful events of the Easter drama. It is a period of time to focus more and more on the Passion and death of Jesus and so accompany him on his way to Calvary.*

*For several centuries the Fifth Sunday of Lent (this coming Sunday) was known as "Passion Sunday" and marked the beginning of a special sub-season called Passiontide, which extended up until Holy Saturday. During this time the Church's liturgy became more somber and a sorrowful mood was reflected in the various practices that occurred in the liturgy.*

*The most obvious example of a more somber mood was the veiling of statues and images, which remains an optional practice in the current Roman Missal: "In the Dioceses of the United States, the practice of covering crosses and images throughout the church from [the fifth] Sunday [of Lent] may be observed. Crosses remain covered until the end of the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil."*

*It was also on the Friday of this initial "Passion Week" that the feast of the Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary was celebrated (it is now fixed annually on September 15). The current Roman Missal still provides an alternative prayer for that day (Friday in the Fifth Week of Lent), remembering Mary's own bitter passion.*

O God, who in this season give your Church the grace to imitate devoutly the Blessed Virgin Mary in contemplating the Passion of Christ, grant, we pray, through her intercession, that we may cling more firmly each day to your Only Begotten Son and come at last to the fullness of his grace.

*Palm Sunday was seen as the "Second Sunday in Passiontide," and is currently listed in the liturgical calendar as "Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion." It is on this day that the Passion narrative is read, the longest Sunday Gospel reading of the entire year. The Church beckons us on Palm Sunday to look toward the cross and see Christ's immense love for us, sacrificing himself for our sins. It is a preview of what is to come on Good Friday.*

*After Palm Sunday, Passion Week gives way to Holy Week and the Church follows Jesus during his final days in Jerusalem. The Passion narrative was traditionally proclaimed during Mass on each day of Holy Week leading up to Holy Thursday.*

*Wednesday during this week is known as "Spy Wednesday" and signified the day on which Judas betrayed Jesus and informed the Sanhedrin of his plan.*

*Various other practices occurred during these final two weeks of Lent, such as Stations of the Cross and the Tenebrae services. In the end, Passiontide is meant to be a special penitential period where we focus on Jesus' bitter passion and foster within ourselves sorrow for our sins. The good news is that Passiontide does not have the last say, and this somber period of preparation ends quickly so that our hearts can rejoice in the beauty of Christ's resurrection.\**

God Bless,

Fr. Jim

\*- <https://aleteia.org/2017/03/30/what-is-passiontide/>



- April 2:** *Palm Sunday Vigil Mass*, 5:00 pm
- April 3:** *Palm Sunday Masses*, 8 am and 10:30 am
- April 3:** *Ecumenical Blessing of the Palms*, 10:30 am, with our family & friends from the Congregational Church
- April 6:** *Holy Thursday -Morning Prayer*, 8:00 am  
*Holy Thursday -The Lord's Supper*, 7:00 pm
- April 7:** *Good Friday-Morning Prayer*, 8:00 am  
*Good Friday-Stations of the Cross*, 3:00 pm  
*Good Friday-Passion of the Lord*, 7:00 pm
- April 8:** *Holy Saturday Morning Prayer*, 8:00 am  
*Easter Vigil Mass*, 7:30 pm
- April 9:** *Easter Sunday*, Masses at 8 am and 10:30 am



## I WANT TO KNOW... WHAT'S WITH THE VEILED STATUES?

### *Why do Catholics veil, or cover, crucifixes and statues during Holy Week?*

The Catholic Church recommends the practice of veiling statues and images during the final weeks of Lent as a way of **heightening our senses** and building a longing for the Resurrection on Easter.

*"... In the Roman Missal we find the instruction, 'In the Dioceses of the United States, the practice of covering crosses and images throughout the church from [the fifth] Sunday [of Lent] may be observed. Crosses remain covered until the end of the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil.'"*\*

*"But why go through such lengths to cover up images that are designed to raise our hearts and minds toward heaven?"*

*First of all, we use veils to alert us of the special time that we are in. When we walk into church and notice everything is covered, we immediately know that something is different. These last two weeks of Lent are meant to be a time of immediate preparation for the Sacred Triduum and these veils are a forceful reminder to get ready.*

*Secondly, the veils focus our attention on the words being said at Mass. When we listen to the Passion narrative, our senses are allowed to focus on the striking words from the Gospel and truly enter into the scene.*

*Third, the Church uses veils to produce a heightened sense of anticipation for Easter Sunday. This is further actualized when you attend daily Mass and see the veils each day. You don't want them to be there because they are hiding some very beautiful images.*

*And therein lies the whole point: the veils are not meant to be there forever. The images need to be unveiled; it is unnatural for them to be covered.*

*The unveiling before the Easter Vigil is a great reminder of our own life on earth. We live in a "veiled" world, in exile from our true home. It is only through our own death that the veil is lifted and we are finally able to see the beauty of everything in our lives."*\*

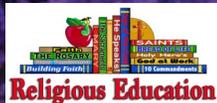
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# LEN

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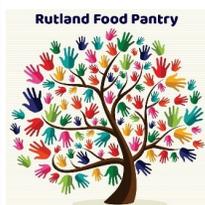


If you would like to join our Religious Education Students in our final Lenten Giving Program...



**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



Please Pray For the  
 Repose of the Soul of  
 † Thomas F. Donoghue  
 Funeral Arrangements in Process

### 5th SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you  
 that if you believe  
 you will see  
 the glory of God?"

JOHN 11:40

Many of us say that we believe in God. We attend Sunday Mass and participate in parish events. But when life gets hard and the pressure is on, when things aren't going our way, do we really believe? Do we really put our trust in the Lord? When we live a life of gratitude, recognizing all that we have been given, we really do see that God is providing for our needs. Living a grateful and generous life allows us to see God's active presence in our daily lives and we become "partakers of the divine nature."



Join us for the  
**STATIONS  
 OF THE  
 CROSS**  
 in the Church

March 31: 7pm  
*Living Stations of the Cross*

STATIONS OF  
 THE CROSS

April 7: 3pm, Good Friday



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!



## Rutland Food Pantry

### Upcoming Distribution Dates

Date	Time
<i>April</i>	
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 Food Pantry are very grateful for your continued support



### EXTENDED ADORATION MARCH 25TH AND 26TH

In conjunction with this weekend's Light of the World parish retreat, there will be extended *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 come and enjoy a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament in prayer and devotion.

*Spend time with the living God!*

## Confessions Before Easter

**Mondays: March 27,  
 April 3**

**Saturdays: April 1**

# RECONCILIATION



Welcome

the newly baptized members  
of our Parish Family,



**Baptized in March:**

- ✝ Shepard John Caviston
- ✝ Elizabeth Therese Gil
- ✝ River Reign Matthews



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**HISTORY**

**Stations of the Cross**

**Question:**

Who invented the Stations of the Cross?

**Answer:**

The first Stations of the Cross were walked by Jesus himself on the way to Calvary. Known as the "Via Dolorosa" ("The Way of Suffering") or the "Via Crucis" ("The Way of the Cross"), it was marked out from the earliest times and was a traditional walk for pilgrims who came to Jerusalem. The early Christians in Jerusalem would walk the same pathway that Jesus walked, pausing for reflection and prayer. Later, when Christians could not travel to the Holy Land, artistic depictions of "The Way of the Cross" were set up in churches, or outside and Christians would walk from station to station, reading the Gospel account of the Passion, or simply praying and reflecting on each event. While the content or place of each station had changed, the intention was to make a mini-pilgrimage and follow--literally--in the footsteps of Jesus.

This devotion became better known in the Middle Ages, and the Franciscans are credited with its spread. Lent is a time when many people make the Stations and some churches present Passion plays or Living Stations. But anyone can pray the Stations at any time. It is a simple and personal reflection on the passion of Jesus and what it means to us.

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