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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

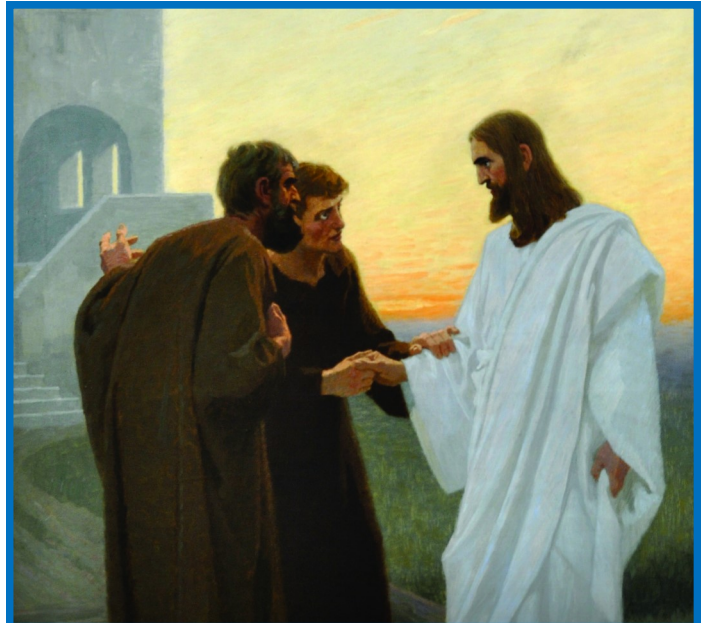
HOME & HOSPITAL VISITATION: Please notify us if you know of someone who is ill or homebound.

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

Or email: PaulaStidsen@gmail.com

April 23, 2023



SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2023

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

They set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" - Lk 24:33-34



**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, April 22:

5:00 pm Inez L. Kennedy, Would be 94th Birthday,
4 Month Anniversary
Requested by the Parish

Sunday, April 23: 8 am Livestreamed Mass †

8:00 am Pauline Piscitelli
Requested by Peter & Gail Totas
10:30 am Peter Glockner, 5th Anniversary
Requested by his Mom, Fran

Monday, April 24:

8:00 am Pauline Piscitelli
Requested by Peter & Gail Totas

Tuesday, April 25:

8:00 am Caragh L. D'Arcy
Requested by Lisa Cotter

Wednesday, April 26:

8:00 am Anna Marie Nelson
Requested by the Family

Saturday, April 29:

5:00 pm Stephen Esteves
Requested by the Family

Sunday, April 30: 8 am Livestreamed Mass †

8:00 am Richard Bierksha
Requested by Susan Lopez
10:30 am Roger & Florence Marchand
(6 month Anniversary) & (9 month Anniversary)
Requested by the Haz Family

April 16, 2023

Mass/Mailed in/Electronic Collections

| | |
|-------------------|-------------|
| Weekly Offering | \$ 2,546.00 |
| Electronic Giving | \$ 2,152.50 |
| Higher Utilities | \$ 125.00 |
| Mother's Day | \$ 10.00 |
| Easter Offering | \$ 220.00 |
| | \$ 5,053.50 |

Special Collections:

Holy Land - Good Friday \$25.00



Calendar of EVENTS

April 25: Divine Mercy Chaplet, Following 8 am Mass

April 25: Scripture Study & Faith Sharing, 9 am, in the Church Hall (Tuesdays) following Divine Mercy Chaplet

April 25: Last Adult Class - Fulfilled: The Promise of the Christian Life (Theology of the Body), 7-8:30 pm

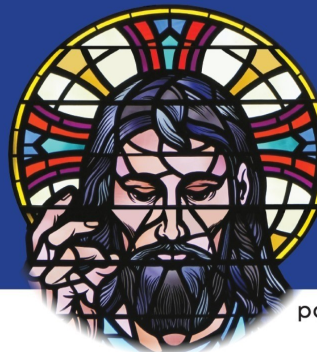
May 1: Holy Hour, 6:30 -7:30 pm

May 6: Walk & Talk, 9:00 am, Meet at Miles Rd. Rail Trail

May 7: Rosary following the **10:30 am** Mass (First Sunday of every month) Please join us.

May 12: Holy Hour to Pray for Priests, 7-8 pm, Immaculate Conception Church, 353 Grove St. Worc. Every second Friday of the month.

May 15: Holy Hour, 6:30 -7:30 pm



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Our Goal for 2023: \$61,800
Received to Date: **\$25,115**
41% of our goal!

Our parish has begun conducting the 2023 Partners in Charity Appeal. As you may know, this appeal is a lifeline for more than two dozen agencies and ministries which provide charitable, pastoral and educational services that complement what we can provide at the parish. We help those in need, regardless of race, creed or circumstance, to find hope.

Please consider making a pledge or gift this year. Visit partners-charity.net and make your donation securely online and note your parish so that it is counted towards our target. You can even make your gift from a Smartphone by texting DONATE to 84576, or simply scan this QR Code! Thank you!

Thank you for your Support!



A Message from the Pastor

Dear Friends,

Last week, in celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday, many were able to take advantage of the gifts of this Feast. Between St. Patrick's and St. Francis Parish (in St. Thomas a Becket Church in South Barre), it was quite a full day, but a very good one. Yet, there was a time in the Church where this Feast nearly was completely suppressed. The enemy tries to find ways to thwart the will of God, and there was a period of 20 years where the devotion was actually banned. Now thank God it didn't last, but you may ask 'why did this happen?' Read on:

While the Catholic Church currently endorses the Divine Mercy devotion revealed to St. Faustina Kowalska, initially this was not the case.

*In fact, the Vatican even **banned the Divine Mercy devotion** for 20 years, forbidding anyone to spread or promote it.*

The Marian Fathers explain what happened on their Divine Mercy website.

*Fr. Sopocko was busy himself spreading the devotion, and in the process suffering much ridicule and loss of reputation. The hardest blow, however, came in **1959, when the Vatican, having received erroneous and confusing translations of the Diary**, forbade the spreading of the Mercy devotion in the forms proposed by Sr. Faustina.*

Here is a translation of the official decree made by the Vatican first given on November 19, 1958, and reaffirmed in 1959.

The supernatural nature of the revelations made to Sister Faustina is not evident.

No feast of Divine Mercy is to be instituted.

It is forbidden to divulge images and writings that propagate this devotion under the form received by Sister Faustina.

*It is not clear what exactly the Vatican saw amiss in the translation they saw regarding the Divine Mercy devotion, but eventually this ban was put into question by **Archbishop Karol Wojtyła**.*

Wojtyła began the process of canonization of Sr. Faustina in 1965 and gave the texts of her Diary to another Polish theologian, Prof. Ignacy Różycki. Her Diary was reexamined and Wojtyła submitted it again to the Vatican for review in 1977.

Wojtyła was certain that there was nothing in the Divine Mercy devotion that was contrary to the Catholic faith and made it his mission to prove his point.

*Then in 1978 **Wojtyła was elected pope and became John Paul II**.*

The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith was able to review the Divine Mercy devotion with a more accurate translation and no longer found anything that would prevent its spread.

St. John Paul II eventually declared the Second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday and the devotion became more widely known around the world.

God Bless,

Fr. Jim

*- <https://aleteia.org/2023/04/17/why-the-vatican-banned-the-divine-mercy-devotion-for-20-years/>



Knights of "Knight's Corner"
Columbus'

Thank you to everyone who participated in our cash raffle on April 15th.

The Knights look forward to continuing our support to St. Patrick's Parish.

3rd Sunday of Easter

Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the scriptures?

LUKE 24:32

How often do you take the time to discern what Jesus is calling you to do with your life?

Are your prayers always petitions, asking Jesus to do things for you? If so, that's a one-sided relationship. Living our faith means developing a personal relationship with Jesus. Just like any friendship, there is give and take, each side listening to each other and helping each other out. Take time, in silence, to listen to what Jesus is asking of you today.



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St. Thomas More Law School Scholarship

Each year the St. Thomas More Society of our Diocese awards a scholarship of varying amounts, usually around \$3000, to a law student attending an accredited law school in the fall. Applicants or parents must be registered and active members of a parish in the Diocese of Worcester. Applicants may be in any year of law school studies.

Applications may be obtained by visiting the diocesan website, www.worcesterdiocese.org/st-thomas-more-society, by mailing requests to: St. Thomas More Society, Chancery Office, 49 Elm Street, Worcester, MA 01609 or by calling Joan DeMasi at 508-929-4345. Applications are due on or before June 15, 2023.

Should anyone wish to contribute to the scholarship fund, donations will be greatly appreciated; you can contact us at the above address or phone number.



Rutland Food Pantry

Upcoming Distribution Dates

| Date | Time |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| May | |
| Thursday, May 11, 2023 | 6:00 - 7:30 PM |
| Saturday, May 27, 2023 | 9:00 - 10:30 AM |

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

- ☐ Ramen Noodles
- ☐ Hamburger Helper/Pasta Sides/Suddenly Salads
- ☐ Large Cans/Jars Spaghetti Sauce
- ☐ Coffee/Tea (Decaf and Regular)
- ☐ Jelly
- ☐ Bottled Juice
- ☐ Mayo/Relish/Mustard/ Ketchup
- ☐ Low Salt/Sugar Free/Gluten Free items
- ☐ Baked Beans
- ☐ Paper Products – Tissues, Paper Towels, and the ever-needed Toilet Paper

*From all of us at the Rutland Food Pantry,
we wish you all the Blessings and Joy
of this Easter Season.*



OFFICE OF THE DIACONATE

Learn about becoming a Deacon

The Office of the Diaconate is accepting applications from married and single men between the ages of 31 and 60 for this fall's beginning formation process. Applications will be accepted through May 1, with classes to begin in September. Inquiry sessions will be held on request with those who are interested in learning more about the permanent diaconate.

To schedule a session:
email your request to diaconate@worcesterdio...,
or submit an inquiry form at worcesterdiocese.org/d...

More information is available at worcesterdiocese.org/d...

Dust off your sneakers! "Walk and Talk" is back!



St. Patrick's walking group resumes
Saturday, May 6th, 9:00 am at
Miles Rd. parking lot near the Rail Trail.

Note: Parking is limited;
consider car pooling
from the Church Parking Lot.

Invite a friend!

Walk for as short or long a distance as you prefer.
For questions, text Robin at **508-210-6761**.




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Died: April 29, 1380
Beatified: Dec. 29, 1460
Canonized: June 29, 1461
by Pope Pius II

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