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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 30, 2023



SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2023

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out." - Jn 10:2-3

TABERNACLE LAMP

Joseph Kaminski
18th Anniversary

April 30 - May 6, 2023

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 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

Monday, May 1:

8:00 am (*Living Intention) Josephine Gibson

Requested by Amanda Holmes

Tuesday, May 2:

8:00 am Tom Donoghue

Requested by Paul & Nancy McKenzie

Wednesday, May 3:

8:00 am Norman Gladden

Requested by Eve-Marie Ceryanek

Saturday, May 6:

5:00 pm Joseph Kaminski, 18th Anniversary

Requested by the Stidsen Family

Sunday, May 7: 8 am Livestreamed Mass †

8:00 am (*Living Intention) Sisters of Venerini

Requested by the Parish

10:30 am Nora & Walter Kuras

Requested by daughter, Cheryl Cadrin

April 23, 2023

Mass/Mailed in/Electronic Collections

Weekly Offering	\$ 3,812.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 1,885.80
Higher Utilities	\$ 205.00
Easter Offering	\$ 125.00
Mother's Day	\$ 40.00
Holy Day Offering	\$ 25.00
	\$ 6,092.80

Special Collections:

Holy Land - Good Friday \$55.00

Thank You!



Calendar of EVENTS

April 30: Adoration immediately following 10:30 am
Mass; Divine Mercy Chaplet & Reposition at 3:00 pm

May 1: ~~Holy Hour, 6:30-7:30 pm~~, Canceled, please
join us on Sunday, April 30th for extended Adoration

May 2: Divine Mercy Chaplet, Following 8 am Mass

May 2: Scripture Study & Faith Sharing, 9 am, in the
Church Hall (Tuesdays) following Divine Mercy Chaplet

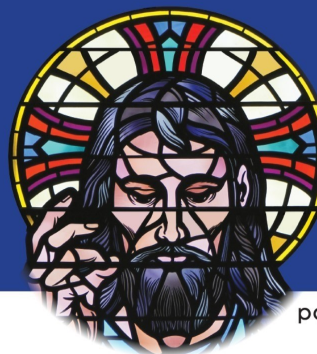
May 6: Walk & Talk, 9:00 am, Meet at Miles
Rd. Rail Trail



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: **\$26,215**

42% 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,

Jesus speaks in the Gospel this weekend that he has come that we might have life, and have it more abundantly (John 10:10). But without a vision of what this looks like, it's very hard to see what Our Lord is driving at in the Scriptures. As you know, I continue my studies in the Master's program for the Theology of the Body, as well as teach study programs. In the fall, we'll look to do a very short (4-5 Class) study series on introducing this topic more fully. While the following article does give a brief summary of the teaching (missing a few things in my estimation), this is a mere snippet; much more 'breaking open' of the teaching needs to take place.

Many Catholics frequently talk about the Theology of the Body and its role in shaping the Catholic understanding of human sexuality. However, not everyone knows what the Theology of the Body is, or where to find out more information.

What is the Theology of the Body?

The Theology of the Body is a series of reflections given at the Wednesday papal audiences by St. John Paul II from September 1979 to November 1984. In total, St. John Paul II gave 129 individual addresses that cover a whole range of topics.

*St. John Paul II began with a series of meditations on Genesis and the meaning of "Original Nakedness," along with a **foundational understanding of our bodies as "gifts."***

The addresses then look to Jesus Christ for a more complete understanding of our bodies and how to live "life according to the Spirit."

*With this background in mind, John Paul II dives into **the beauty of the sacrament of marriage and the Catholic view of sexuality within marriage.***

*All of these reflections were later compiled into a single book entitled, **Man and Woman He Created Them: A Theology of the Body.***

However, St. John Paul II's writing is not very easy to understand for the average lay person, and so many have tried to decode his theological writing into more digestible lessons.

*The Theology of the Body Institute, for example, offers **courses, podcasts, YouTube videos** and other publications that bring out the beauty and richness of St. John Paul II's teachings.*

*George Weigel famously wrote in his book **Witness to Hope** that John Paul II's Theology of the Body is a "**theological time bomb set to go off, with dramatic consequences, sometime in the third millennium of the Church.**"*

While the Theology of the Body does not offer any new teaching, it does synthesize the Church's view of sexuality and provides a foundation that helps Catholics understand the reasons behind the Church's teachings on such things as contraceptives and homosexuality.

*When properly understood, the Theology of the Body is a beautiful way to understand the gift of our bodies and why God made us male and female.**

God Bless,

Fr. Jim

*- <https://aleteia.org/2022/05/28/what-is-the-theology-of-the-body/>



On the
Lighter Side...

—WHY DID THE PRIEST GIGGLE
DURING HIS HOMILY?

He had Mass hysteria!



4th Sunday of Easter

*And Peter said to them,
'Repent, and be baptized,
every one of you,
in the name of Jesus Christ...'*

Acts 2:38



The word "repent" means to turn from sin - to change our thoughts, words and actions. Change that is permanent comes from within – a transformation or conversion of heart. This requires prayer, discipline and perseverance. Change is hard. The first step is recognizing that we are broken and that we need God's help. The good news - we are not alone in our journey. Ask Jesus daily for guidance and patiently listen for His response.



On this Good Shepherd Sunday...

we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life, especially for our diocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst.

If you think God is calling you to serve the Church as a priest or in the consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at (508)-630-4473 or email: dinfante@saintpaulknights.org.



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.*



Worcester Catholic
Women's Conference

Save the Date Catholic Women's Conference this Fall October 7, 2023

All women are invited
to the Worcester Catholic Women's Conference,
"Male & Female He Created Them",
to be held at St. Joseph School in Webster, MA.

Hear dynamic talks from Catholic leaders,
Dr. Deborah Savage,
Dr. Christopher Klofft,
Fr. Derek Mobilio,
Fr. Colin Blatchford, and
Patricia Sandoval.

Diocesan priests will hear confessions and there will be many interesting exhibitors. Bishop McManus will celebrate Mass. For more information and to register, visit our website at www.wcwconference.com or call Corinn Dahm at 508-277-3969. Seating is limited, register early!

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



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.**



National Day of Prayer Thursday, May 4th, 2023

Join in our National Day of Prayer
this Thursday, May 4th.

Let us pray for the conversion
of our hearts and minds to God.



Knights of "Knight's Corner" Columbus'

St. Patrick's **Knights of Columbus**, is hosting a **Baby Bottle Drive** for Visitation House **starting April 30th** through **May 28th**.

Bottles are available **now** at the entrances of the church. Please fill up your baby bottle (s) with coins or bills! You may also make a donation on-line by going to visitationhouse.org.

Return your baby bottles anytime,
but **no later than May 28th** please.

Visitation House is a home that welcomes women with crisis pregnancies in the spirit that provides safe housing, healthy food and the support of a caring staff, to address the needs of pregnant women who want to choose life for their babies but feel that they have no real means or resources to do so on their own. Visitation House honors the human dignity of every life by providing as much support as possible.



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Adoration of our LORD In the Blessed Sacrament



**Sunday, April 30th
11:30 am - 3 pm**

**Please join us as we
focus our prayer
in reparation for the
Satancon event in**

**Boston, and for the conversion of the
hearts and minds of those attending.**

*Come spend time with the Lord,
who loves You!*

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed
immediately following the 10:30 am Mass
for personal prayer, followed by the
Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3 pm.

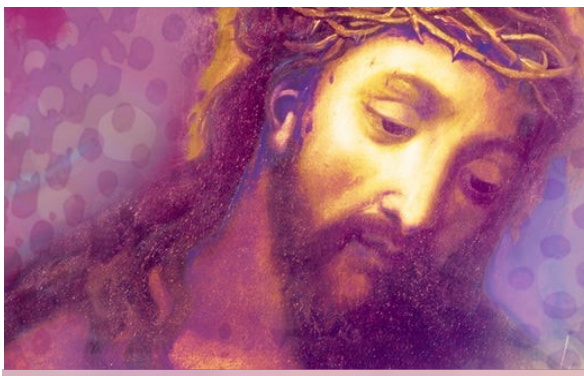
Note: The Holy Hour that was scheduled for
Monday, May 1st, at 6:30 pm, is canceled.

BLANKET MINISTRY NIGHT—APRIL 11, 2023



**THANK YOU TO OUR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES WHO MADE OUR EVENING A FUN AND PRODUCTIVE EVENT!
GOD BLESS YOU...**





St. Patrick Parish Living Stations of the Cross March 31, 2023



I. Jesus is Condemned to Death



II. Jesus takes up His Cross



III. Jesus Falls for the First Time

Thank you to our students, who re-enacted the Passion of our LORD, in the Living Stations of the Cross.



IV. Jesus meets His Mother



V. Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus



VI. Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus

Maddie Benoit, Tierney Brush, Zachary Carignan,
Rachael Ford, Kaleigh McLoughlin, Connor Reidy, Damian Sporna.



XI. Jesus is Nailed to the Cross



XII. Jesus Dies on the Cross



XIV. Jesus is Laid in the Tomb

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