

# 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

Or email: [PaulaStidsen@gmail.com](mailto:PaulaStidsen@gmail.com)

May 7, 2023



SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2023

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

"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?" - Jn 14:2

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## Please Pray For the Repose of the Souls of ...

✙ *Kenneth A. Starbard* \*

Meg Starbard's Father-in-Law

✙ *Claire R. White* \*

\* See <https://www.milesfuneralhome.com/>  
for Funeral Services

## 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, 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

### Monday, May 8:

**8:00 am** Scotty Bies, 7th Anniversary  
Requested by the Cove Family

### Tuesday, May 9:

**8:00 am** Francis P. Luca  
Requested by Joe Luca

### Wednesday, May 10:

**8:00 am** Thomas F. Donoghue  
Requested by the Skrocki Family

### Saturday, May 13:

**5:00 pm** (\*Living Intention) Ongoing healing for  
Mary Ellen Putnam  
Requested by her sister, Fran

### Sunday, May 14: 8 am Livestreamed Mass †

**8:00 am** Ann Croteau  
Requested by the McMahon Family

**10:30 am** J. Norman Martin, 2nd Anniversary  
Requested by Pat Latino Martin

### April 30, 2023

#### Mass/Mailed in/Electronic Collections

Weekly Offering	\$ 3,437.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 1,305.80
Higher Utilities	\$ 175.00
Mother's Day	\$ 165.00
Easter Offering	\$ 60.00
Holy Day Offering	\$ 30.00
	\$ 5,172.80

#### Special Collections:

**Holy Land - Good Friday \$35.00**

Thank You!



## Calendar of EVENTS

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

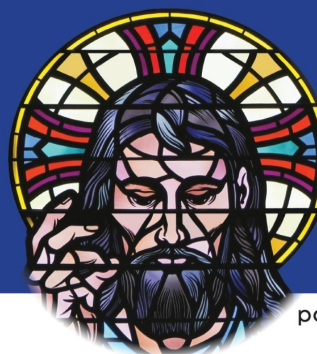
**May 9: Divine Mercy Chaplet**, Following 8 am Mass

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

**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 13 & 14: Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, at  
all the Masses

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



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and his helping hands

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Our Goal for 2023: \$61,800  
Received to Date: **\$29,115**  
**47%** 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](http://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,

Saints come in all shapes and sizes. St. Therese of Lisieux was only 24 when she passed, yet she said only a few months before her passing: *"I feel that my mission is about to begin, my mission to make God loved as I love Him, to teach souls my little way."*\*

Her *Story of a Soul* has been shared around the world since her passing, so profound that in 1997, St. John Paul II declared her a Doctor of the Church. She was canonized years before in 1925, only a few years after her passing and was declared Blessed 2 years prior in 1923. Here is more on the miracles related to her beatification:

*Shortly after her death in 1897, the remarkable story of a French Carmelite nun. Thérèse of Lisieux, began to spread like wildfire. Her autobiography, Story of a Soul, was an instant hit, and it wasn't long before people began to seek her intercession.*

*Her canonization process was already opened in 1914 and reports of miracles began to flood in to the Vatican offices.*

*In particular, **two miracles were verified** that paved the way to her beatification in 1923, in the year she would have turned 50 years old.*

*According to the Society of the Little Flower, "in 1923 the Church approved of two spontaneous cures unexplained by medical treatment.*

***Sister Louise of St. Germain** was cured of the stomach ulcers she had between 1913 and 1916.*

*The second cure involved **Charles Anne**, a 23-year-old seminarian who was dying from advanced pulmonary tuberculosis. The night he thought he was dying, **Charles prayed to Thérèse. Afterward, the examining doctor testified, 'The destroyed and ravaged lungs had been replaced by new lungs, carrying out their normal functions and about to revive the entire organism. A slight emaciation persists, which will disappear within a few days under a regularly assimilated diet.'**"*

*Pius XI subsequently beatified Thérèse of Lisieux on April 29, 1923.*

*It only took two years to verify two more miracles that led to her canonization on May 17, 1925.\*\**

God Bless,

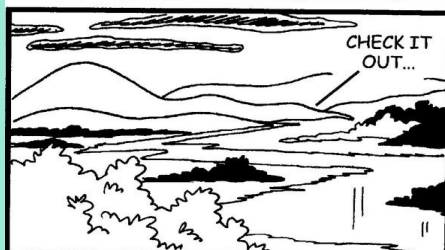
Fr. Jim

\*- Foley OCD, Marc. Story of a Soul The Autobiography of St. Thérèse of Lisieux Study Edition. ICS Publications. Kindle Edition.

\*\* - <https://aleteia.org/2023/04/28/the-miracles-that-paved-the-way-for-st-thereses-beatification-in-1923/>



### On the Lighter Side...



### Conversation with God

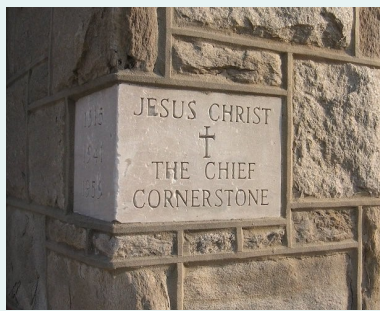


Man: What is a million years like to you?  
 God: Like one second.  
 Man: What is a million dollars like to you?  
 God: Like one penny.  
 Man: Can I have a penny?  
 God: Just a second.



**Ascension  
Thursday  
May 18, 2023**

**Masses at:  
8:00 am  
7:00 pm**



## 5th Sunday of Easter

*"The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone."*

1 PETER 2:7

Every person has been given gifts from the Holy Spirit. These are called "charisms" and they are used to build God's kingdom of earth. While many people are able to recognize their natural talents and abilities, they may be unsure of their charisms. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern their charisms and how God is calling them to use them. Remember - no gift is too small or insignificant in God's salvation plan.



Worcester Catholic  
Women's Conference

## Save the Date

## Catholic Women's Conference this Fall October 7, 2023

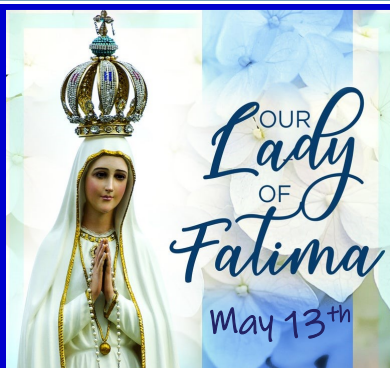
All women are invited to the Worcester Catholic Women's Conference, "Male & Female He Created Them", to be held at St. Joseph School in Webster, MA.

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](http://www.wcwconference.com) or call Corinn Dahm at 508-277-3969. Seating is limited, register early!



Feast of  
St. Rose Venerini  
May 7



## 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.*

## Ascension of the Lord

### Question:

Couldn't Jesus have done more good if he stayed on earth, rather than ascended into heaven?

### Answer:

This is an interesting question! During his earthly life, Jesus gave sight to the blind, healed paralytics, drove out demons, and fed thousands with only a few loaves of bread. Imagine what he could have done if he'd never ascended into heaven! Imagine what our world could be! It's an interesting thought to consider, especially as the world faces challenges that only seem to deepen and expand. Yet at the Last Supper, Jesus says, "It is better for you if I go." Why? His response must have seemed strange to the Apostles at the time. In his place, Jesus says, he will send the Paraclete, the Comforter, the Advocate. He promises to send the Holy Spirit.

Jesus' departure allows the Apostles to become the leaders he has formed them to be. Jesus is no longer situated in only one geographical location, and his Church will never be a political kingdom. Soon after the Ascension, we celebrate Pentecost — the descent of the Holy Spirit and the radical empowerment of the followers of Jesus. We share in that empowerment and in that mission. Jesus is present in the sacraments, and he is present in us. Through our faith, hope, and love, we are called to be the good he does here on earth!




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