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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

May 14, 2023



SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2023

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth." - Jn 14:16-17a

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GLPI

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

Glen Anderson

✠ Son of Helen Anderson

Robert Bernatchez

✠ Brother of Marie Ruchala

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 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

Monday, May 15:

8:00 am (*Living Intention) For Kelley
Requested by a Parishioner

Tuesday, May 16:

8:00 am Thomas Donoghue
Requested by Ken & Chris Mulry

Wednesday, May 17:

8:00 am Special Intention
Requested by Nancy & Walter Carroll

Saturday, May 20:

5:00 pm Richard Allen
Requested by Susan Lopez

Sunday, May 21: *8 am Livestreamed Mass* †

8:00 am Vincent & Virginia Ross & Family
Requested by Cindy Katinas

10:30 am Anna Marie Nelson
Requested by the Family

May 7, 2023

Mass/Mailed in/Electronic Collections

Weekly Offering	\$ 3,864.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 1,756.60
Higher Utilities	\$ 418.00
Mother's Day	\$ 385.00
Holy Day Offering	\$ 50.00
	\$ 6,473.60

We are grateful to all who have been able to make their weekly offering or make use of on-line giving during this time. It is a great help to us. *Thank you!*



EVENTS

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

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

May 16: *Divine Mercy Chaplet*, Following 8 am Mass

May 16: *Scripture Study & Faith Sharing*, 9 am, in the Church Hall (Tuesdays) following Divine Mercy Chaplet

May 18: *Ascension of the Lord*, Masses at 8 am and 7 pm

June 3: *Walk & Talk*, 9:00 am at the Miles Rd. entrance to the Rail Trail

June 3 & 4: *Treasures from the Holy Land for Sale*, following all the Masses at the doors of the Church. Proceeds support Christians in the Holy Land.

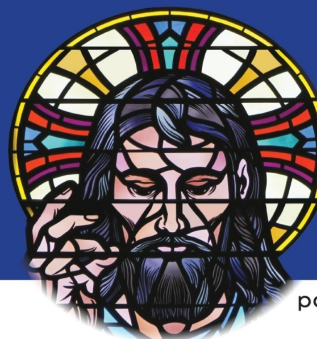
June 4: *Rosary* following the 10:30 am Mass (First Sunday of every month) Please join us.

June 9: *Holy Hour to Pray for Priests*, 7-8 pm, Immaculate Conception Church, 353 Grove St. Worc. Every second Friday of the month.

TABERNACLE LAMP

*In Thanksgiving for our
Food Pantry Volunteers*

May 14 - May 20, 2023



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Our Goal for 2023: \$61,800
Received to Date: **\$29,115**
47% of our goal!



Thank you for your Support!

A Message from the Pastor

Dear Friends,

St. Therese of Lisieux gives much to us in speaking of prayer in simple ways. For example, each of us struggle at times with distraction, as our world is full of it. While praying, we should always try to put ourselves in the best position possible so God can speak to us. This means putting our phones in a 'do not disturb' mode so we can focus on the God trying to speak to us. But even then, there can be many things moving within. Here is a pathway to help deal with distractions from the 'Little Flower'*



For many of us, when we sit down to pray, we are bombarded by constant distractions. It could be anything from the ticking of the clock on the wall, the honking of a horn outside, or even a barrage of thoughts about various people or relationships in our lives.

It can be difficult to focus our attention on God and remain in a conversation with him.

However, sometimes these distractions aren't "distractions" at all, they are thoughts introduced by God that are aimed at our spiritual benefit.

For example, here is what St. Thérèse of Lisieux wrote about being distracted during prayer.

I also have many [distractions] but as soon as I am aware of them, I pray for those people the thought of whom is diverting my attention, and in this way they reap benefit from my distractions.

Sometimes God wants to divert our attention and shed light on a struggling friend or family member. They may need our prayers or our charity. This way the distraction is turned in the right way and instead of taking us away from God, it brings us closer to him and his divine plan.

The key is to be attentive when that happens and notice when you begin thinking about someone in your life, or even something you saw on Facebook. In some instances God may want you to be praying for that individual or extending a helpful hand to them.



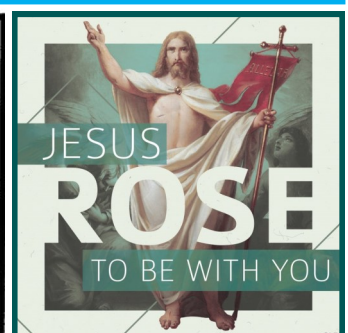
St. Josemaria Escriva instructs us that, "The closer an apostle is to God, the more universal his desires. His heart expands and takes in everybody and everything in its longing to lay the universe at the feet of Jesus."

So the next time you feel distracted during prayer, offer it to God and open your heart to whatever God wants to communicate to you in that moment.

God Bless,

Fr. Jim

*- <https://aleteia.org/2018/05/08/how-to-deal-with-distractions-during-prayer-according-to-st-therese-of-lisieux/>





Mother's Day

2023

In Memory of:

*Dorothy Ackerman
Mary Adamski
Aurora Allard
Bess Arnold
Dorothy Bailey
Mrs. Alyce Becker
Marie Belisle
Lucille Berube
Barbara Bies
Maude Blair
Jeanette H. Bopp
Ruth Boucher
Julia Brennen
Beverly Carden
Rose Catherwood
Lillian Collier
Joyce Cormier
Joan Conrad
Mildred Conrad
Theresa Cove
Yvonne Cove
Barbara Dengler
Edith Dengler
Mary DeSimone*

*Audelaid Dion
Simone Dion
Rose Dolan
Florence Donoghue
Althea M. Enright
Edith Evans
Corina Ferreira
Roseanna Fitzback
Kathleen Flynn
Antonia Galli
Claire Gamache
Joyce A. Gonzalez
Sarah Gonzalves
Our Grandmothers
Viola Griffin
Jane Gutowski
Mary Henchey
Julia Inangelo
Patricia Inangelo
Sylvia Jatrinski
Mary Agnes Johnson
Frances Josefiak
Wladyslawa Kadziewicz
Irene Kaminski
June Kane
Inez Kennedy
Catherine Labuda
Margerita Laconte
Irene Lamarche
Rowena Larkin*

*Linda Loughlin
Elizabeth Mosteiko
Mary Marrino
Helen Martin
Mrs. Emma Moisio
Leona Mathieu
Mrs. Susan Mulhern
Irene Nichols
Anna Orczyk
Jacqueline Ott
Aniela Panczyk
Virginia Pereira
Anna Persson
MaryAnn Persson
Laura Plant
Helen M. Puza
Pauline Piscitelli
Rose A. Sands
Olive Sicbaldi
Constantina Silvestris
Mary Skrocki
Marjorie Smith
Sophie Sobol
Mrs. Edmund St. George
Shirley Stidsen
Joan Sullivan
Alice G. Sweeney
Alyce S. Sweeney
Annie Emerson Sweeney
Julia Tsotsis
Alice Tremba
Helen Urbanovitch*

*Shirley Warren
Olga Waslaske
Helen Weagle
Norma-Jean Wells
Claire R. White*

In Honor of:

*Rita Bies
Donna Evans
Regina Moreno
Ellen Orczyk
Chelsey Page
Rita Seligowski
Kristen Skrocki
Phyllis Yont*



6th Sunday of Easter

*"For it is better to suffer for doing good,
if that be God's will, than for doing evil."*

1 Peter 3:17

The old line says "if you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans." Many of us are diligent in our planning and making sure things are progressing smoothly. Then disaster strikes, we don't get the result we anticipated or an unforeseen problem arises. Many times we may respond negatively and ask, "Why me? I did everything right!" Here's the thing – adversity humbles us and reminds us of our dependence on God and not on our own self-reliance. Rest assured, God has a better plan in store for you.

Our next "Walk and Talk" is Saturday June 3rd



St. Patrick's walking group meets at
**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!

For questions, **text** Chris Hayes at **508-735-2429**.



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.wewconference.com or call Corinn Dahm at 508-277-3969. Seating is limited, register early!



Rutland Food Pantry

Upcoming Distribution Dates

Date	Time
May	
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.*

Blessing of Mothers

During the season of Easter, what a great time to remember our mothers and ask for God's blessing on them. It is God who ultimately gave us life. It is through God's unselfish love--mirrored in our mothers' willingness to associate their love with God's and take the risk to love us into life--that we have the opportunity for life. We remember our mothers this Mother's Day with much love. Let us pray for each of them:



God our heavenly Father,
you give to each the ability
to share your generative love.
Bless those women in our lives
who mirror your love
and bring forth life through their willingness
to risk bringing new life into this world.
Help us to show them our gratitude
for the gift of life and the gift of a mother's love.
May our life-giving God continue to bless them
and show them his unfailing love.
We ask this through Jesus,
God's Son and our brother.
Amen.



Knights of *"Knight's Corner"* Columbus'

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

Bottles are available 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.



For more information, pick up a flyer at the entrances of the church.



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Star of Bethlehem

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June 3rd and 4th.



Maysoon Khair will be at St. Patrick's, June 3rd and 4th, representing over a hundred Christian families living in the Holy Land who make their livelihood through the selling of their hand carved olive wood religious articles.

After all masses, there will be a display of these beautiful hand carved religious items, such as nativity scenes, crucifix, rosaries, last supper and many other beautiful religious statues.

Please stop by and look over the carvings that are available and help support this self-help project to keep the children and the Christians living in the Holy Land.

Thank you and God Bless you, *Maysoon*

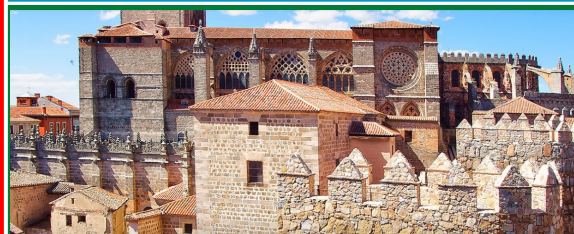
Newly Baptized

Welcome

the newly baptized members
of our Parish Family,

Baptized in April:

✠ Nicolis Philip Cerrone



Avila Cathedral, Spain

Submit your prayer intentions...to be presented at Mass in a number of Carmelite Churches in Spain!

Fr. Jim will be the chaplain for a pilgrimage to Spain with Dan & Stephanie Burke in June. The Pilgrimage will take attendees to a number of Carmelite sites in Spain.

If you would like to submit prayer requests to be offered at the daily Masses on the pilgrimage, please write your prayer request on the papers in the pews and put these prayer requests in the baskets at the doors of the Church.

Your prayer requests will be presented at each church where Mass is being offered.
Prayer intentions should be received no later than June 3rd.

Please pray for Fr. Jim and those attending this pilgrimage.

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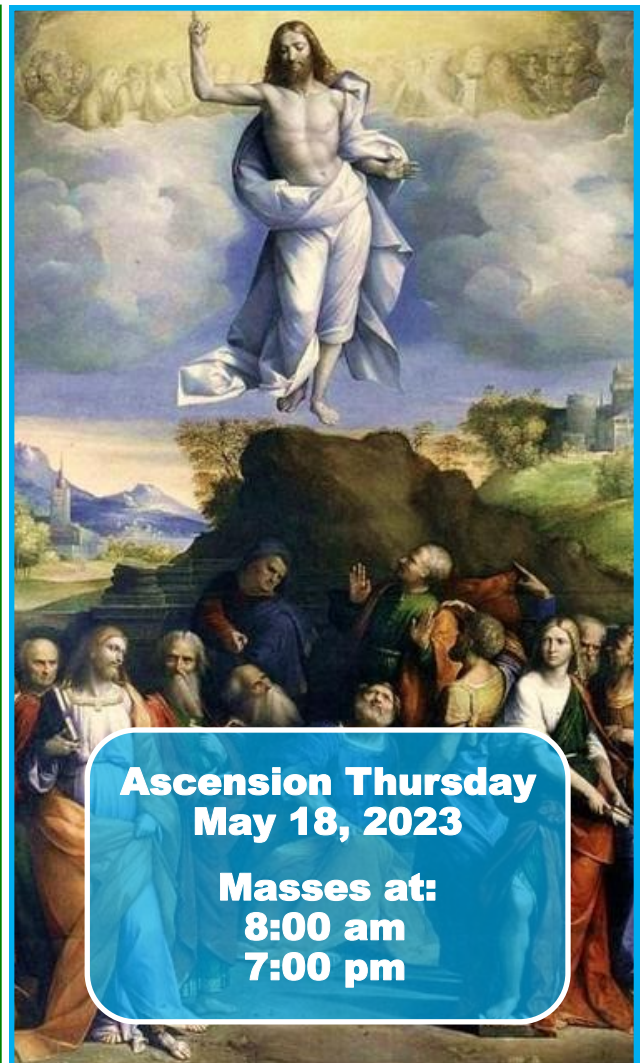


We are happy to present
our students who received
their **First
Holy Communion**
May 6, 2023.

As always, thank you
for your prayers and support
for our young parishioners!

Our Students

<i>Lennix Bennett</i>	<i>Hannah LeBlanc</i>
<i>Hannah Boucher</i>	<i>Grady Massey</i>
<i>Annabelle Bradford</i>	<i>Kyle Massey</i>
<i>Felicity Caviston</i>	<i>Wyatt Miner</i>
<i>Cameron DiGiovanni</i>	<i>Arya Monaco</i>
<i>Mackenzie Donahue</i>	<i>Matthew Moreau</i>
<i>Thomas Elbag</i>	<i>Rylan O'Rourke</i>
<i>Schuyler Finnerty</i>	<i>Alice Ruchala</i>
<i>Mackenzie Graves</i>	<i>Noah Schmitt</i>
<i>Vivian Guzman</i>	<i>Christian Then</i>
<i>Grant Howard</i>	<i>Alexander Troiso</i>
<i>Kanyitobenna Iwueke</i>	<i>Jack Welch</i>
<i>Agnes Yacoub</i>	



spring **PREVIEW**

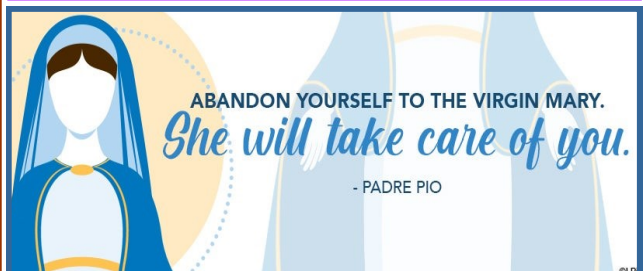
OPEN HOUSE | TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2023

**Join in an evening of fun
to learn more about Saint John's!**

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find arts, student life and campus ministry opportunities
for boys grades 7-12!

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6:00 - 8:00 pm

Registration is Required. Visit: [Stjohnhigh.org/preview](https://stjohnhigh.org/preview)



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