

# 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.

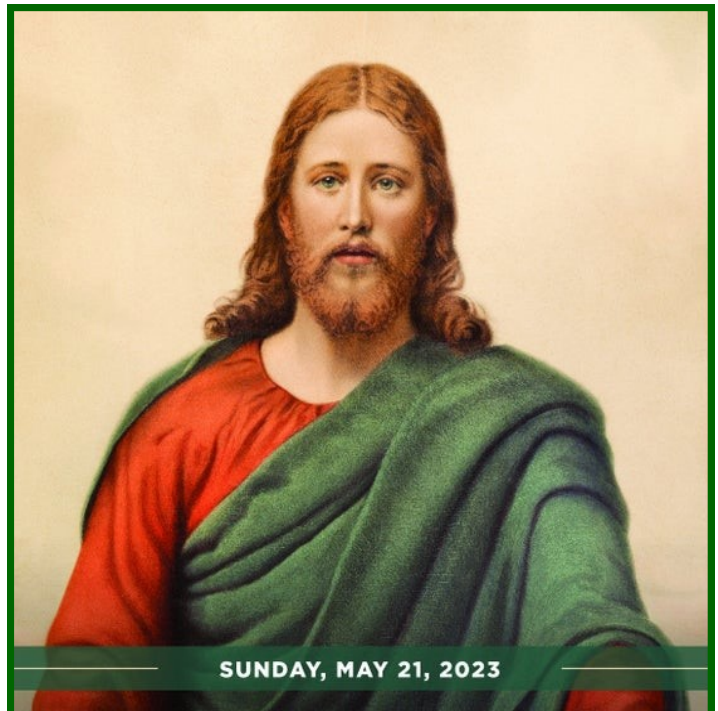
**NEW PARISHIONERS:** Welcome! We hope that you will become an active part of our parish family. Please introduce yourselves at your first opportunity, or call the Parish Center to register.

**PRAYER REQUEST LINE:** Call with your requests.

Paula Stidsen 774-696-3008

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

**May 21, 2023**



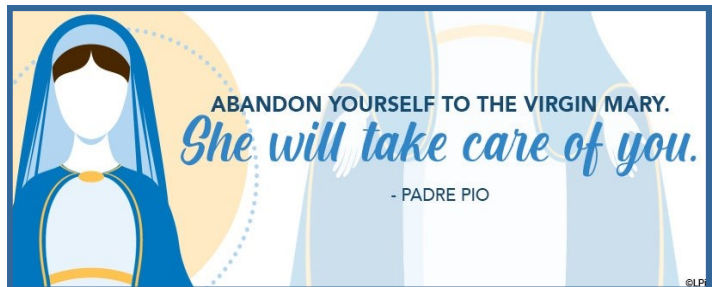
**SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023**

## **7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you." - Jn 17:1

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**ABANDON YOURSELF TO THE VIRGIN MARY.**  
*She will take care of you.*

- PADRE PIO

## **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 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

### Monday, May 22:

8:00 am David & A. Mary Guerin

Requested by Lisa Cotter

### Tuesday, May 23:

8:00 am Anne Toto, 2nd Anniversary

Requested by Cynthia Williamson

### Wednesday, May 24:

8:00 am (\*Living Intention) Fr. Derek Borek

24th Anniversary of Ordination

Requested by Lauren Maldonado

### Saturday, May 27:

5:00 pm Ed and June Kane

Requested by their Children

### Sunday, May 28: 8 am Livestreamed Mass †

8:00 am Sarah Gonsalves

Requested by Peter & Gail Totas

10:30 am Richard E. Grimley, 5th Anniversary

Requested by his wife, Kathy Grimley

### May 14, 2023

#### Mass/Mailed in/Electronic Collections

Weekly Offering	\$ 2,938.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 1,390.80
Higher Utilities	\$ 155.00
Mother's Day	\$ 250.00
Holy Day Offering	\$ 65.00
	\$ 4,798.80

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 23: Divine Mercy Chaplet**, Following 8 am Mass

**May 23: Scripture Study & Faith Sharing, 9 am**, in the Church Hall (Tuesdays) following Divine Mercy Chaplet

**May 28: Blessing of the Church Ramp**, Following 8 am Mass. Come join us in thanksgiving.

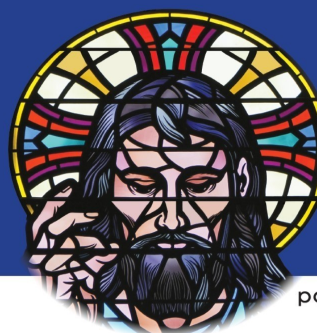
**June 3: Walk & Talk, 9:00 am** at the Miles Rd. entrance to the Rail Trail

**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.

**July 2: Holy Hour, 6:30 -7:30 pm**



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Our Goal for 2023: \$61,800

Received to Date: \$32,740

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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,

In our faith, we sometimes can confuse things. For example, the *Immaculate Conception* is not about Jesus' birth, but Mary. The *Incarnation* is about Jesus entering in our humanity. Likewise, we struggle with the *Ascension* (which we celebrated this past Thursday) and the *Assumption*. One might say, "What's the difference"? The difference is critical regarding Jesus and Our Lady. Here's a more complete explanation of how they differ:

*In the Catholic Church there are two feasts, one called the "Ascension of Jesus" and the other called the "Assumption of the Virgin Mary." While both these words indicate going up into heaven, in reality there exists a **major difference**.*

### Ascension of Jesus

The Catholic Encyclopedia gives a succinct definition of this first event.

The elevation of Christ into heaven **by His own power** in presence of His disciples the fortieth day after His Resurrection.

*The key phrase in this definition is "by His own power."*

*Jesus is God, and that means when he returned to Heaven, he did so through his own abilities and not by any outside force. He was the cause of his ascension, proving again that he is God.*

### Assumption of the Virgin Mary

On the other hand, the assumption of the Virgin Mary is quite different. She was **taken up** to Heaven **by God's power and not her own**. The Catechism of the Catholic Church gives a brief description.

*"Finally the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, **was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death.**" The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is a singular participation in her Son's Resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians.*

CCC 966

*She was not the being that raised herself to Heaven. God Himself raised her to be with Him.*

*It is an important difference, as it recognizes the nature of each individual: Jesus is God and Mary is not.\**

God Bless,  
Fr. Jim

\*- <https://aleteia.org/2021/05/13/ascension-vs-assumption-what-is-the-difference/>





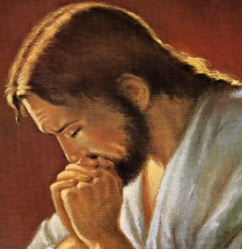
## 7th Sunday of Easter

*"I am praying for them..." John 17:9*

Prayer is the foundation of our Faith and the foundation of Stewardship. Prayer is always the first best option in any situation - not just our last resort.

- ✦ Pray for friends and family, and especially for those that don't treat you very well.
- ✦ Pray to give praise, to thank, and to ask God for help.
- ✦ Pray to see what God wants you to do with the gifts He has given you.
- ✦ Teach others how to pray.

It has been said that teaching someone how to pray is the best gift you can give someone.



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**.



## 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.*

We are happy to present

**Blake Donahue,**  
one of our students,  
who received his  
**First Holy Communion**  
May 14, 2023.

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



## Mother's Day 2023

*In Memory of:*

*Reyna Arias*

*Eileen Clifford*

*Agnes David*

*Juanita Dow*

*Anne M. Giblin*

*Annie Giblin*

*Delia Keane*

*Mary S. Morello*

*Porfiria Paulino*

*Narvey Rodriquez*

*In Honor of:*

*Amanda Gribbons*

*Astrid Huseby*



## Position Available

### Custodian/ Janitor Position

*St Mary's Parish in Jefferson Massachusetts  
is seeking a part time custodian (30 Hours).*

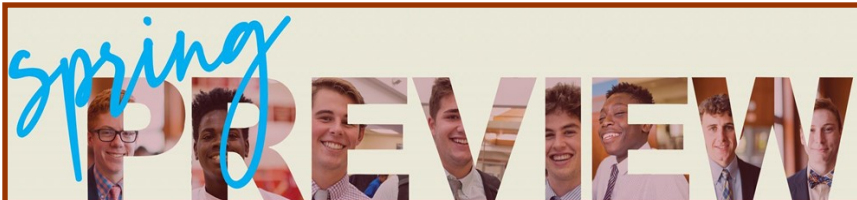
Candidate responsible for maintaining the cleanliness of all buildings and the surrounding grounds. Must be able to lift over 50lbs, have some knowledge regarding cleaning products and equipment and be able to multitask, as this is a fast moving establishment with lots of set up and take downs for daily events. Candidate responsible for maintaining the cleanliness of all buildings and the surrounding grounds. If you are interested in the position please send resume to parish manager Sarah Brodie [sbrodie@stmaryjeff.com](mailto:sbrodie@stmaryjeff.com).

**St. Patrick Church**  
**Blessing of the Church Ramp**  
**Sunday, May 28th**  
**Immediately following**  
**The 8:00 am Mass**

**Please join us  
 in praise  
 and thanksgiving  
 at the blessing  
 of the new ramp**



**Join us in Praying**  
**THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY**  
**Every Tuesday**  
**After the 8:00 am Mass**  
**In the Church**



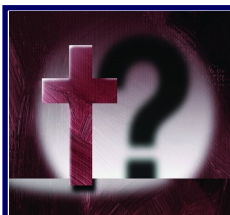
**OPEN HOUSE | TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2023** [CLICK TO LEARN MORE](#)

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

Students & Families will learn more about academics, athletics,  
 find arts, student life and campus ministry opportunities  
 for boys grades 7-12!

**Tuesday, May 23, 2023**  
**6:00 - 8:00 pm**

**Registration is Required. Visit: [Stjohnhigh.org/](http://Stjohnhigh.org/)**



**I'D LIKE TO KNOW...**

**Question:** Does it  
 matter what leg you  
 kneel on when genuflecting?

**Answer:** Genuflection is an act of  
 devotion that literally means "to bend the  
 knee." For many Catholics, it's an almost  
 automatic gesture that we perform before  
 entering our pew or row of seats at Mass.  
 But, like many of the symbols and gestures  
 of our faith tradition, genuflecting can also  
 be an invitation for deeper reflection.

The practice of "bending the knee" is an  
 ancient way of recognizing the presence of  
 someone greater than we are. It has been  
 said that the practice dates back to the time  
 of Alexander the Great, but it became a  
 common part of etiquette in the royal courts  
 of the Middle Ages. From throne rooms and  
 palaces, it was a small step to genuflecting,  
 becoming part of the devotional lives of  
 Christians who used this secular gesture as a  
 way of recognizing the presence of the One  
 who is King of Kings, especially in the  
 Eucharist. In our tradition, although many  
 have been taught or prefer to genuflect by  
 placing their right knee on the ground, there  
 is no prescribed way to genuflect. This is  
 especially important to keep in mind if  
 physical limitations or age make certain  
 movements difficult for us.

Today, Catholics are asked to genuflect in  
 the presence of the Blessed Sacrament  
 (whether in the tabernacle or exposed on the  
 altar during Eucharistic Adoration). So,  
 while it has become second nature to  
 genuflect before entering your seat in church,  
 we should pay attention to where the Blessed  
 Sacrament is kept in each church or chapel  
 we visit, and genuflect in the direction of the  
 tabernacle where the Blessed Sacrament is  
 kept. In churches or chapels in which the  
 tabernacle is in a separate space, we are  
 invited to simply bow toward the altar. ©LPi







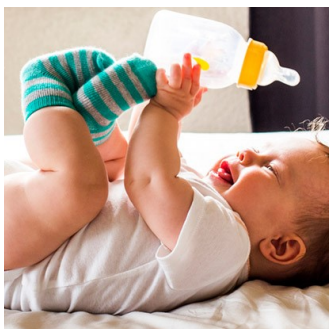
## Knights of Columbus' *"Knight's Corner"*

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](http://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

Hand carved olive wood and other religious articles from the Holy Land.

Available after all Masses on **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*



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.



**FEAST DAY: MAY 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Ask Saint Rita, the patron saint of impossible causes, to intercede to God on your behalf.




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