

# 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)

*July 16, 2023*



**SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2023**

## **15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

"The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." - Mt 13:23

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

## **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, July 15: Celebrant: Fr. Alfredo Porras**  
**5:00 pm** (\*Living Intention) Continued healing for Mary Ellen Putnam  
Requested by her sister Fran

**Sunday, July 16: Celebrant: Fr. Stephen Gemme**  
**8 am Livestreamed Mass** †

**8:00 am** Rita Burgio

Requested by Joe Luca

**10:30 am** Tom Erickson, 5th Anniversary  
Requested by his wife Sandy

**Monday, July 17: Celebrant: Msgr. John Doran**

**8:00 am** Herman Pereira

Requested by his daughter Maria Pereira

**Tuesday, July 18:**

**8:00 am** Margarita Azucena, 5th Anniversary  
Requested by Sandy Erickson

**Wednesday, July 19:**

**8:00 am** Madeleine Drezek  
Requested by her daughter Jennifer Drezek

**Saturday, July 22:**

**5:00 pm** (\*Living Intention) In Thanksgiving for Christian Lucas' 8th Birthday  
Requested by the Gil Family

**Sunday, July 23: 8 am Livestreamed Mass** †

**8:00 am** (\*Living Intention) In Thanksgiving for Anna Catalina's 7th Birthday  
Requested by the Gil Family

**10:30 am** Anna Marie Nelson

Requested by the Family

**July 9, 2023**

### Mass/Mailed in/Electronic Collections

Weekly Offering	\$ 4,234.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 1,471.80
Higher Utilities	\$ 160.00
	\$ 5,865.80

*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!*



**July 18: Divine Mercy Chaplet**,  
Following 8 am Mass

**July 18: Scripture Study & Faith Sharing, 9 am**, in the Church Hall (Tuesdays) following the Divine Mercy Chaplet

**July 17: Holy Hour, 6:30 - 7:30 pm - Canceled**

**August 5: Walk & Talk, 9 am** at the Miles Rd. entrance to the Rail Trail

**August 6 Rosary** following the **10:30 am** Mass (First Sunday of every month) Please join us.

**August 7: Holy Hour, 6:30 - 7:30 pm**

**August 11: Holy Hour to Pray for Priests, 7-8 pm**, Immaculate Conception Church, 353 Grove St. Worc. Every second Friday of the month.

**August 15: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Holy Day of Obligation**, Masses at 8 am and 7 pm

**August 21: Holy Hour, 6:30 - 7:30 pm - Canceled**



### OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

The origins of this feast reach all the way back to the Old Testament. In the book of Kings, we read the story of the prophet Elijah. Much of his prayer, fasting, and public ministry occurred from Carmel, a mountain in Israel. Christian hermits -- seeking solitude -- made their homes on the mountain during the first millennium. Over time, the hermits assembled into a community and were given a Rule of Life. They named their church after Mary -- Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Political upheaval forced the Carmelite order out of the Holy Land and into Europe, where they established monasteries for both men and women across the continent. Many great saints and doctors of the Church have come from the Carmelite order, including St. Teresa of Avila, St. John of the Cross, St. Therese of Lisieux, and St. Edith Stein. Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Pray for us!



## A Message from our Pastor

Dear Friends,

Praying for those who've passed on is considered one of the Spiritual Works of Mercy. To pray not only for the living, but those who've passed on is one of the greatest gifts we can offer. Yet in our world, so many consider prayer to not be anything special. I would beg to differ. To illustrate the point, look at this story from St. Padre Pio about a Holy Soul from Purgatory visiting him and asking for prayers:

*Padre Pio is known for his many mystical experiences during prayer, often piercing the heavenly veil while on earth. **One such experience involved an unexpected encounter with a soul from purgatory.***

*One day while praying alone, **Padre Pio opened his eyes to see an old man standing there.** He was surprised by the presence of another person in the room and explained in his testimony, "I could not imagine how he could have entered the friary at this time of night since all the doors are locked."*

*Seeking to unravel the mystery, Pio asked the man, **"Who are you? What do you want?"***

*The man responded, "Padre Pio, I am **Pietro Di Mauro**, son of Nicola, nicknamed Precoco. I died in this friary on the 18th of September, 1908, in cell number 4, when it was still a poorhouse. One night, while in bed, I fell asleep with a lighted cigar, which ignited the mattress and I died, suffocated and burned. I am still in purgatory. I need a holy Mass in order to be freed. God permitted that I come and ask you for help."*

*Pio comforted the poor soul by saying, **"Rest assured that tomorrow I will celebrate Mass for your liberation."***

*The man left and the next day Pio did some investigative work and discovered the veracity of the story and how a man of the same name died on that day in 1908. **Everything was confirmed and Padre Pio celebrated a Mass for the repose of the old man's soul.***

*This was not the only appearance of a soul from purgatory asking Padre Pio for prayers. Pio claimed, "As many souls of the dead come up this road [to the monastery] as that of the souls of the living." Many times the souls would ask for a Mass to be said for them, highlighting the spiritual weight of a Mass and how it can lessen the time a person spends in purgatory before embracing the glories of heaven.*

God Bless,

Fr. Jim

\*- <https://aleteia.org/2017/11/07/when-padre-pio-was-visited-by-a-soul-from-purgatory/>



**July 16, 2023**  
**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*"The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word but then the cares of the world and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit."*

Matthew 13:22

Does the lure of riches and material goods choke God out of your life? Are you so caught up in earthly activities that you have no time for God? Gratitude and generosity are virtues that we should strive to do on a daily basis. Every decision we make either takes us one step closer to God or one step further away. What we receive at Mass every Sunday should be shared with others all the other days of the week as well.



**Rutland Food Pantry**

**Upcoming Distribution Dates**

Date	Time
<b>July</b>	
Saturday, July 29, 2023	9:00 - 10:30 AM
<b>August</b>	
Thursday, August 10, 2023	6:00 - 7:30 PM
Saturday, August 26, 2023	9:00 - 10:30 AM
<b>September</b>	
Thursday, September 7, 2023	6:00 - 7:30 PM
Saturday, September 23, 2023	9:00 - 10:30 AM

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

**JULY CHALLENGE !**

**Help fill our Peanut Butter and Jelly shelves.**

Our Current Wish List includes:

- Boxed Rice products
- Pasta Sides
- Soup (even in the Summer!)
- Spaghetti Sauce **in Jars**
- Coffee/Tea (Decaf and Regular)
- Canned Meat (Chicken, Ham & Tuna)
- Cookies, fruit bars or any snacks for kids
- Low Salt/Sugar Free/Gluten Free items

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**Living out Your Faith in College Gatherings**



All High Schoolers are welcome to join current undergraduate college students on **Thursday, July 27 from 6-8 pm** at North American Martyrs in Auburn for a meal, conversation, and Q&A session centered around pursuing your faith after high school. RSVP by contacting Kendall Mullen at [mullenk@cua.edu](mailto:mullenk@cua.edu).

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**Volunteers Needed!**



For the past few years, St. Patrick's has been volunteering at Community Harvest Project in Grafton. This is an amazing organization that provides fresh produce for local food pantries throughout the state. The amazing part of this program is that this work is managed by only 7 paid staff members supported by volunteers who do the planting, harvesting, and weeding, etc. The organization coordinates the efforts of over 10,000 volunteers annually.

St. Patrick's is bringing groups to Community Harvest on the following dates this summer from **9 a.m. – 12 p.m.**

♥ **Friday, August 11**

♥ **Wednesday, August 23**

We always have a good number of high school volunteers, but this is also a great service opportunity for families and others as well.

Depending on interest, we may be able to carpool to and from Grafton. We have a limited number of spots that we are registered for, so **please contact Chris Mulry, as soon as possible.**

Call: 508-886-2010

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