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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

July 30, 2023



SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2023

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." - Mt 13:44

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD

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Please Pray for the Repose of the Souls of ...

✠ *Denise Clark*

✠ *Robert Puliafico*

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 29:

5:00 pm Bob Bernatchez

Requested by a Parishioner

Sunday, July 30: *Celebrant: Fr. Stephen Gemme* *8 am Livestreamed Mass †*

8:00 am Ann Michaud, Months Mind

Requested by the Skrocki Family

10:30 am (*Living Intention) Our Parish Deacons:

Deacon Pierre and Deacon Brian

Requested by the Parish

Monday, July 31: *Celebrant: Msgr. John Doran*

8:00 am Joseph Ingemi

Requested by a Friend

Tuesday, August 1: *Celebrant: Msgr. John Doran*

8:00 am Anna Marie Nelson

Requested by the Family

Wednesday, August 2: *Celebrant: Msgr. John Doran*

8:00 am Peter Chiasson

Requested by Pat Latino Martin

Saturday, August 5:

5:00 pm Irene Nichols

Requested by the Nichols Family

Sunday, August 6: *8 am Livestreamed Mass †*

8:00 am Bev and Gerry Lange

Requested by Chris Aufiero

10:30 am Denise Clark

Requested by Elaine Peter

July 23, 2023

Mass/Mailed in/Electronic Collections

Weekly Offering	\$ 3,480.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 1,850.80
Higher Utilities	\$ 155.00
Assumption	\$ 15.00
	\$ 5,500.80

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!



August 1: Divine Mercy Chaplet,
Following 8 am Mass

August 1: Scripture Study & Faith Sharing, 9 am, in the Church Hall following the Divine Mercy Chaplet

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



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**

This is 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

or email: Chris@stpatricksrutland.org

Come join us supply fresh food to those in need!

A Message from our Pastor

Dear Friends,

As I study at my Master's Program this week on Theology of the Body and Spiritual Direction, you might wonder what precisely Spiritual Direction is. I've heard it said that a Spiritual Director is like a coach who can help lead you on the journey to growing in your life with God in prayer and how He's leading you. Read on for more:

*In the Catholic tradition, spiritual directors can be a **priest, member of a religious order, or lay person** who meet individually with a person for the purpose of sorting out spiritual questions, and providing guidance in the growth in holiness. By default all priests perform a limited amount of spiritual direction in the **sacrament of penance**, but typically don't have enough time to adequately address issues in the time allotted.*

Here is how the John Paul II Center for the New Evangelization describes spiritual direction.

Spiritual direction is meeting with a trained and experienced director to reflect on how God is present and active in your life right now, and how God might be calling you into deeper relationship. God is the Director; the human director serves as the vessel through which the Spirit works to uncover and discover the Divine at work in your everyday experiences. The content of the direction session is simply your life: whatever aspect, story, or experience you feel moved to bring to prayer and reflection. You the seeker, your director, and the Holy Spirit meet in holy conversation so "you may have life and have it more abundantly." (John 10:10) Above all, your spiritual director listens and helps you to come clear about the hints and guesses, the invitations, and the "nudgings" of the Spirit in your life.

*Spiritual direction is **not** psychotherapy or counseling and the best spiritual director will normally **not** tell you what to do. Instead, a good spiritual director will help you find the Holy Spirit in your life and give you tips on how to discern the best course of action.*

Nearly all of the greatest saints of the Catholic Church had a spiritual director, who guided them and helped them reach the heights of perfection. The call to holiness is not easy in a fallen world, and it requires an attitude of humility, open to the wisdom of others.

The best way to find a spiritual director might be to first ask your parish priest. If he is unable to provide spiritual direction or link you to someone in the parish who can, then contact your local diocese, as they normally have a list of trained spiritual directors in your region.

Spiritual directors can help us look at life through a different lens, and often that is all we need to progress along the narrow road to our ultimate goal of Heaven.

God Bless,

Fr. Jim

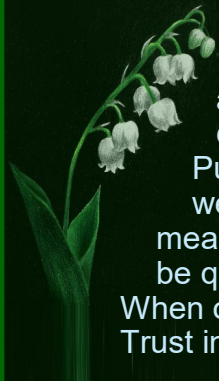
*- <https://aleteia.org/2019/10/23/what-is-a-spiritual-director-and-how-can-they-help-me/>



July 30, 2023: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**"We know that all things work for good
for those who love God,
who are called according to his purpose."**

Romans 8:28



Do you really trust God? Do you really believe that God will provide all that you need? Faith is a challenge for everyone at times. Putting our trust in God, in everything we do, in good times and in bad, means that God's plan for our lives may be quite different than what we planned. When one door closes, another one opens. Trust in God, His plan is always better.



Rutland Food Pantry

Upcoming Distribution Dates

Date	Time
August	
Thursday, August 10, 2023	6:00 - 7:30 PM
Saturday, August 26, 2023	9:00 - 10:30 AM
September	
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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***** Mark Your Calendar *****

5th Annual Fill the Pantry Golf Tournament September 17, 2023 Quail Hollow Golf and Country Club

See brochures at *entrances of church*
Or visit our website at **fillthepantry.golf**

Did you Know? The Knights...

- ❑ Through their Ultrasound Initiative, funded more than 750 ultrasound machines for pregnancy care centers which assisted expectant mothers to choose life for their babies.
- ❑ Since 1981, have provided over \$71 million in support to over 115,000 seminarians, postulants and novices through RSVP (Refund Support Vocations Programs)

Think about joining *our* Knights of Columbus.

Email: Bryce Hunt at **brycehunt5000@yahoo.com**

The Ignatian Spiritual Exercises in Daily Life

**Are you interested in
deepening your prayer life or
finding a clearer sense of God's presence in your life?
Consider attending
one of our information nights in August.**

St. Peter's Church is offering a 30-week directed prayer experience in the tradition of St. Ignatius of Loyola led by a Jesuit trained team of people experienced in Ignatian prayer and the Spiritual Exercises. The Spiritual Exercises will begin on Tuesday, September 26, 2023, at 6:30pm at St. Peter's Church in Worcester. Each weekly session will be approximately ninety minutes and will include group sharing of weekly prayer, reflection/explanation on upcoming week and meeting with your prayer companion.

An information night will be held at St. Peter's Church on Tuesday, August 8th at 6:30pm in the meeting room adjacent to Clark University. Also, by Zoom on Friday, August 18th at 7pm. **If you are interested in attending the Zoom Information Night, just send an e-mail to WorcSpEx19@gmail.com requesting the link.**

We will then send the link to your e-mail address. Any questions may also be sent to **WorcSpEx19@gmail.com** and we will reply. Information and an application form is available on the website:

www.IgnatianSpiritualExercisesWorcester.com.

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