

# 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)

*August 13, 2023*



**SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2023**

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

Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. - Mt 14:28-29

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**the assumption**  
**OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

## **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, August 12:

**5:00 pm** Bill Scully

Requested by Gretta Scully

### Sunday, August 13: 8 am Livestreamed Mass †

**8:00 am** Robert Puliafico

Requested by a Parishioner

**10:30 am** Roger and Florence Marchand  
(9 Months and 1 Year Anniversary)

Requested by the Haz Family

### Monday, August 14:

**8:00 am** Gene Supernor

Requested by Pat Latino Martin

### Tuesday, August 15:

**8:00 am** Joseph Burgio Family

Requested by Joe Luca

**7:00 pm** Denise Clark, Month's Mind

Requested by Elaine Peter

### Wednesday, August 16:

**8:00 am** John Peter Toto, 45th Anniversary

Requested by Cynthia Williamson

### Saturday, August 19:

**5:00 pm** Peter Foley

Requested by Elaine Peter & Family

### Sunday, August 20: Celebrant: Fr. Stephen Gemme 8 am Livestreamed Mass †

**8:00 am** (\*Living Intention) Good health for Gary Putnam

Requested by Fran

**10:30 am** Dick Quinn, 3rd Anniversary

Requested by Anne Quinn

## August 6, 2023

### Mass/Mailed in/Electronic Collections

Weekly Offering	\$ 2,303.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 1,831.60
Higher Utilities	\$ 409.00
	\$ 4,543.60

### Special Collections:

### Church in Central & Eastern Europe \$20.00

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!**



Summer

SCHEDULE

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

**August 15: Divine Mercy Chaplet, Following 8 am Mass**

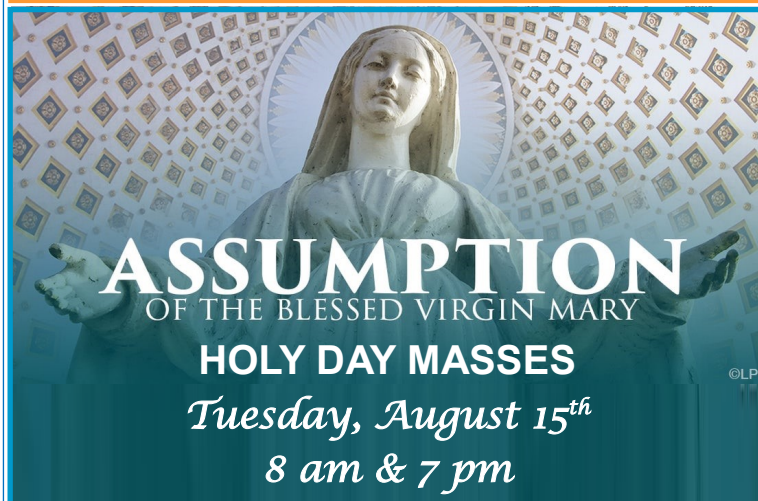
**August 15: Scripture Study & Faith Sharing, 9 am, in the Church Hall following the Divine Mercy Chaplet**

**September 3: Rosary** following the **10:30 am** Mass (First Sunday of every month) Please join us.

**September 4: Holy Hour, 6:30 -7:30 pm**

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

**September 18: Holy Hour, 6:30 -7:30 pm**



August 13, 2023: **19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**"He said, 'Come.' Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus."**

Matthew 14:29

When you hear Jesus calling, do you respond immediately and trust that He knows what He's doing? If so, you are walking on water! When we say "yes" to Jesus, we feel the power of his presence in our lives. We can feel the freedom it gives us! Listen how Jesus is calling you to live the extraordinary life He has intended for you.

## A Message from our Pastor

Dear Friends,

Prayer often seems complicated. We can sometimes feel the struggle, feeling we should be 'better' at it or something to that effect. Yet, something to remember is that prayer is the raising of the heart and mind to God. Meditation is usually the entryway into this by 1) Taking the scriptures, finding what strikes you in the passage after reading through slowly, maybe a few times to understand what is being said, 2) Prayerfully consider how this passage applies to me and how God is leading and revealing things through it, 3) Conversing with God about it or responding to Him by praise, thanksgiving, or asking for help, 4) Allowing ourselves to rest and remain absorbed in the words of God and be open to what's been given and moving inside, and 5) Allowing this encounter to lead your day and help you to draw closer to God, even in the midst of the world.

Yet now and then, God leads us to a more profound gift, not by what we've done, but by His invitation and assistance to receive more through contemplation:

*What about the prayer of contemplation? Sometimes we presume that's a prayer form reserved to mystics or to religious cloistered in monasteries. But it's not so. As Dominican Father Bede Jarrett says in Meditations for Layfolk, a book well worth discovering, "Contemplation is an essential to all those who would live godly in Christ Jesus."*

*The Catechism of the Catholic Church speaks of contemplation as "a gaze of faith, fixed on Jesus" (2715). Contemplation is a focus on Jesus that is "a renunciation of self." Contemplation "turns its gaze on the mysteries of the life of Christ" so as to learn the "interior knowledge of our Lord," which deepens our love and desire to follow him.*

*Fr. Jarrett describes our plight. "Prayer is too often reduced to hard and fast rules, is mapped out and labelled and regimented till it hardly seems at all to be the language of the heart. All adventure has gone, all the personal touches, and all the contemplation." But since "to contemplate is to gaze," he reassures us that "to contemplate is perfectly simple."*

*He walks us through a method. We place our gaze on some mystery of the faith, like the Blessed Trinity, or the cross, or the Eucharist, or the Blessed Virgin Mary. Fr. Jarrett explains:*

*My mind, lit up by the truth of Revelation which the Church has taught me, is fixed upon some mystery or portion of a mystery. I try to think out the deep meaning of it, then reach the further end of all my knowledge, and wait before the Truth. Slowly, as I gaze, the details, unguessed, unnoticed, will appear, emerging against the more shadowed background.*

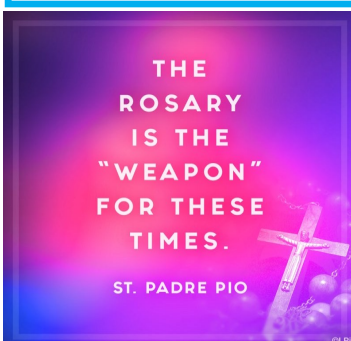
*Fr. Jarrett then concludes:*

*This is contemplation: the bare, naked truth, clearing in outline to the soul that is content to watch in silence at the feet of Christ. Then with deep trust I watch and listen for the Voice of God.*

God Bless,

Fr. Jim

\*- <https://aleteia.org/2023/08/06/can-ordinary-people-reach-prayer-of-contemplation/>







## Rutland Food Pantry

### Upcoming Distribution Dates

Date	Time
<b>August</b>	
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 Wish List for August includes:**  
(Non-expired food only, please)

#### COMMUNITY CHALLENGE !

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

- Cereal
- Pasta (our supply is low)
- Soup (our shelves are empty)
- Canned meat (chicken, ham, tuna)
- Baked Beans - Smaller cans and family sized too
- Snacks for kids
- Coffee, Tea
- Paper Products (Tissues, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels)

Please ensure that the donation **HAS NOT EXPIRED** - as we cannot give out anything that has expired.

*Note that we no longer accept extra paper or plastic bags.*

*Thank you for your continued care and support of our neighbors.*



Knights of  
Columbus

## "Knight's Corner"

**\*\*\* Save the Date \*\*\***

### Knights of Columbus **Cornhole** Tournament Sunday, August 27, 2023 Starting at 12 noon

Sign-up sheets will be available at the exits of the church next weekend August 19th. Entrance fee is \$50 per team. Please register early as the number of teams will be limited.

### 5<sup>th</sup> Annual **Fill the Pantry** Golf Tournament Sunday, September 17, 2023 Quail Hollow Golf and Country Club

See brochures at the entrances of the church  
Or visit our website at **[fillthepantry.golf](http://fillthepantry.golf)**

Think about joining our Knights of Columbus.  
Email: Bryce Hunt at **[brycehunt5000@yahoo.com](mailto:brycehunt5000@yahoo.com)**



### Volunteers Needed!



This is the **last summer opportunity** to work with 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 last group for the summer is from **9 a.m. – 12 p.m.**

♥ **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](mailto:Chris@stpatricksrutland.org)

Come join us supply fresh food to those in need!

Everyday Stewardship:

### A GLIMPSE OF HEAVEN

There are times in our lives that we get the chance to see a glimpse of heaven. It may be through the love of another, loved one or stranger. Sometimes it may even be an event that seems unexplainable, perhaps even supernatural. These occurrences may be the answer to prayer or they may surprise us by coming out of nowhere. But no matter their nature or origin, they give us hope and strength to carry on through life.

When we journey on a pathway of stewardship, we are bound to experience moments of grace where we see even the smallest seeds we planted grow into something amazing. At these moments, we are reminded that God is real and that our stewardship is not in vain. The giving of our gifts and talents is not just a response to God's calling. The giving is one way that God breaks through into the lives of others. As we use what God has given us for his glory, he uses us as instruments of grace to be truly present to others.

The greatest example of this occurs at the Mass. Through the hands of an ordained priest taking the gifts of bread and wine, God is really present with us. When we then take Christ into our bodies, we accept the offer to take him into the world to others. The world cannot see Jesus in us with human eyes, but through our works of stewardship, they can see Jesus in us. One could say they even have a chance to see a glimpse of heaven.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS  
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## 5<sup>th</sup> Annual

### *Fill the Pantry Golf Scramble*

Sunday, September 17, 2023

1:00 pm at Quail Hollow Golf  
& Country Club—Oakham



In September of 2022 the fourth “Fill the Pantry” Golf Scramble was held at Quail Hollow Golf & Country Club . With the sponsorship of the Knights of Columbus in our area and over 95 golfers taking part in the event, we were able to raise over \$14,000.00 which resulted in gifts of over \$4,500.00 each to three (3) local food pantries. You are invited to become part of the 2023 fund-raising event to help and support those in our community.

This year on September 17<sup>th</sup> the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual “Fill the Pantry” Golf Scramble at Quail Hollow Golf & Country Club will be held. This event will start at 1:00 and will end with a catered dinner and presentations of awards for the best golfers and other contests. There will also be raffles and door prizes along with a 50/50 cash raffle. Some silent auction items will also be available.

***We invite you to take part in any way that you can. Here are some choices:***

- Be a sponsor on 4 different levels and receive free golfing for a foursome, or 2 golfers etc., signage on the greens and more.
- Be an individual hole sponsor for \$100.00. Receive your name or business name on an individual sign. Consider sponsoring a hole in memory of a loved one.
- Donate new items for the gift raffle. This can be a gift card, specialty gift basket or other gifts.
- Come and golf for the day for \$130.00 each, receive a gift bag and enjoy dinner.
- Come and enjoy dinner only for \$35.00.

Golf Tournament Brochures are available at the entrances of the church. Please feel free to contact those listed below, in the brochure or visit our website at [www.FillThePantry.Golf](http://www.FillThePantry.Golf) for more information or to donate an item for the raffles.

*Thank you for your consideration of this important event.*

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## Religious Education Teachers Needed! for 2023-2024

We are planning for the 2023-2024 Religious Education year. We are blessed to have so many dedicated and returning teachers for our students. However, we still need to fill some openings to meet the faith development needs of all our young parishioners.

We are looking for the following:

- a 9<sup>th</sup> grade teacher on Sunday morning (9:15-10:15)
- a 7<sup>th</sup> grade teacher on Sunday morning (9:15-10:15)  
or Monday afternoon (3:30-4:30)
- a 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher on Sunday morning (9:15-10:15)
- a 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher on Monday or Tuesday afternoon (4-5)
- a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher on Monday afternoon (4-5)

Also, we always need **substitutes** who have some flexibility in their schedule and would be available on **Sunday morning (9:15-10:15) or Monday or Tuesday afternoons (3:30 -5)**. We have excellent teacher manuals that make teaching very easy. Many of our teachers return each year because teaching helps them to develop and deepen their own faith. Please prayerfully consider whether you are being called in this very rewarding ministry. If you are interested, please contact Chris Mulry for more information.

Email: [Chris@stpatricksrutland.org](mailto:Chris@stpatricksrutland.org)

Phone: 508-886-2010



*Thank you for your consideration!*

### Religious Education

You are invited to join us on a 10-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land!

## Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St. Patrick's Parishes

Led by: Fr. Christopher M. Peschel and Fr. James Boland

### June 23–July 2, 2024

*"I rejoiced when they said to me,  
'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'  
And now our feet are standing  
within your gates, Jerusalem."*

(Psalm 122:1-2)

*Come Join us...  
For more information:  
Pick up a brochure at the doors of the Church.*



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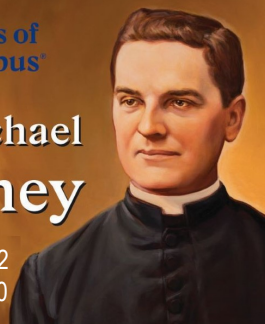


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## Blessed Michael McGivney

Born: August 12, 1852

Died: August 14, 1890



Blessed Father Michael Joseph McGivney was a diocesan priest from Connecticut born to an Irish immigrant family. Together with men from his church, St. Mary's in New Haven, he founded what is now the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization—the Knights of Columbus. In 2008, Fr. Michael Joseph McGivney was beatified by Pope Benedict XVI.



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