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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

September 3, 2023



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." - Mt 16:24b-25

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*Please Pray For the
Repose of the Soul of
✠ Bill Bailey*

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, September 2:

5:00 pm Frank Frey, Sr.

Requested by Paul & Maryann Mekelski

Sunday, September 3: 8 am Livestreamed Mass †

8:00 am Sara Marie Crutcher-LaMadeleine

Requested by her mother, Margaret Wilkins

10:30 am Denise Clark

Requested by the Parish

Monday, September 4:

8:00 am Reyna Arias, 5th Anniversary

Requested by the Gil Family

Tuesday, September 5:

8:00 am (*Living Intention) Healing for

Mary Ellen Putnam,

Requested by her sister Fran

Wednesday, September 6:

8:00 am (*Living Intention) Healing for

Fr. Jim Caldarella

Requested by Fran Glockner

Saturday, September 9:

5:00 pm John Galli

Requested by his wife, Mary

Sunday, September 10: 8 am Livestreamed Mass †

8:00 am Donald Mathieu

Requested by Peter & Gail Totas

10:30 am Laureen Riley, 7th Anniversary

Requested by the Family



Event Calendar

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

September 5: *Scripture Study & Faith Sharing*, 9 am, in the Church Hall following the Divine Mercy Chaplet

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 9 & 10: *Mums Sale*, On the Common, watch the bulletin for times

September 16 & 17: *Mums Sale*, On the Common, watch the bulletin for times

September 17,18,19: *Religious Education Classes Begin*, Welcome back!

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



Please pray
for our students.

August 27, 2023

Mass/Mailed in/Electronic Collections

Weekly Offering	\$ 3,307.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 1,330.80
Higher Utilities	\$ 160.00
Assumption	\$ 50.00
	\$ 4,847.80

Special Collections:

Church in Central & Eastern Europe \$10.00

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!



September 3, 2023
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?

Matthew 16:26



St. Francis of Assisi said, "Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else." We often forget this stewardship wisdom when we spend all of our time, talent and treasure to gain more of the world's riches. We need to set our priorities based on God's values and not the values of the material world.

A Message from our Pastor

Dear Friends,

This past Monday, we celebrated the Feast of St. Augustine, one of the great Saints in the Church's history. Like St. Paul, Augustine had a powerful conversion. With many prayers lifted up by his mother, St. Monica, Augustine below recounts the story of his conversion that changed everything. Already at this point, he had encountered St. Ambrose of Milan, who had opened Augustine to reconsider things in his faith from childhood through preaching and teaching. But he needed one last push:

"While there were many different contributors to St. Augustine's famous conversion, including the prayerful tears of his mother, the Bible played a pivotal part in his journey back to Jesus Christ.

In particular, one day he was with a friend and heard a peculiar voice, as he explains in his Confessions.

*I heard the voice as of a boy or girl, I know not which, coming from a neighboring house, chanting, and oft repeating, **Take up and read; take up and read.** Immediately my countenance was changed, and I began most earnestly to consider whether it was usual for children in any kind of game to sing such words; nor could I remember ever to have heard the like. So, restraining the torrent of my tears, I rose up, interpreting it no other way than as a command to me from Heaven to open the book, and to read the first chapter I should light upon.*



*The first verse his eyes fell upon was **Romans 13:13-14.***

*[L]et us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day, **not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy.** But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.*

The verse made a major impact upon St. Augustine, as he had lived a life of debauchery, indulging in all the carnal desires.

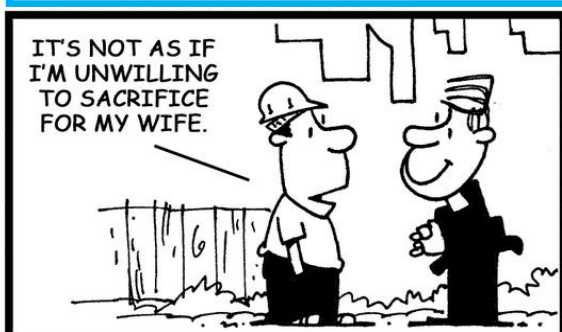
He didn't read any more of the Bible at that moment, as that was sufficient to pierce his heart.

No further would I read, nor did I need; for instantly, as the sentence ended — by a light, as it were, of security infused into my heart — all the gloom of doubt vanished away.

Augustine proceeded to dedicate the rest of his life to Jesus Christ, and became one of the greatest saints the Church has ever known."*

God Bless, Fr. Jim

*- <https://aleteia.org/2023/08/27/st-augustines-life-was-changed-by-this-bible-verse/>





Rutland Food Pantry

Upcoming Distribution Dates

Date	Time
September	
Thursday, September 7, 2023	6:00 - 7:30 PM
Saturday, September 23, 2023	9:00 - 10:30 AM
October	
Thursday, October 12, 2023	6:00 - 7:30 PM
Saturday, October 28, 2023	9:00 - 10:30 AM

Our Wish List for September includes:
(Non-expired food only, please)

COMMUNITY CHALLENGE !

September is SOUP-tember

We are VERY low on Soups, so please help us make our soup shelves overflow with every kind of soup ! Help us make "Soup-tember" spectacular!

- **Soup:** Hearty & regular, chowders and broths
- **Snacks:** Cookies, fruit bars or any snacks for kids
- Cereal (our supply is low)
- **Rice:** Rice Pilaf, Chicken & Beef Flavored
- Canned meat (chicken, ham, tuna)
- Baked Beans - Smaller cans along with family size
- Coffee & Tea (Decaf and Regular)
- Sugar-Free and Gluten-Free items are always welcome

Note that we no longer accept donated paper or plastic bags.

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

We are very grateful to all who continue to support our food pantry.

ST. PATRICK'S CLOTHING & TEXTILE DRIVE

Ends October 7th

New & used items are accepted.

Note: Any quality clothing/shoes or other donations will be sold, the remainder is recycled.



The heavier the total weight of the donations—the more money we make!

We need to meet the minimum of 500 pounds to qualify for money! So we need as many people to participate as possible.

Drop-off information is coming soon.

For questions or early drop-off arrangements contact Donna at Donnaevans0407@gmail.com

Acceptable Textiles

CLOTHING:

- ☐ Tops, T-Shirts
- ☐ Pants, Jeans, Shorts
- ☐ Ties, Scarves, Vests
- ☐ Suits, Skirts, Blazers
- ☐ Sweaters, Sweats
- ☐ Pajamas
- ☐ Socks, Tights Belts
- ☐ Uniforms
- ☐ Costumes/Dress-up Clothes
- ☐ Shoes, Boots
- ☐ Flipflops, Slippers
- ☐ Pocketbooks, Backpacks
- ☐ Duffle Bags

OUTERWEAR & OTHER:

- ☐ Coats, Jackets, Ski Pants
- ☐ Mittens, Gloves, Hats, Scarves
- ☐ Raingear
- ☐ Bathing suits
- ☐ Fabric, Fabric Scraps, Yarn
- ☐ Small Throw Rugs
- ☐ Towels, Wash Cloths
- ☐ Drapes, Curtains
- ☐ Sheets, Pillowcases, Blankets
- ☐ Tablecloths
- ☐ Potheolders
- ☐ Comforters, Duvet, Quilts
- ☐ Sofa/Chair Covers

Happy Fall cleaning!

All proceeds will be applied to the needs of the Parish.

This fundraiser is conducted in collaboration with the Epilepsy Foundation New England.

The Ignatian Spiritual Exercises in Daily Life A Wonderful Spiritual Experience!

The Ignatian Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life, a 30-week directed prayer experience will begin on September 26, 2023, St. Peter's Church, 929 Main Street Worcester, MA.

More information and an application form are available at www.IgnatianSpiritualExercisesWorcester.com or by sending an email to worcspe19@gmail.com.

Applications are due by Sept 7th. An informational video including a personal reflection can be found at: <https://www.ignatianspiritualexercisesworcester.com/home/worcester-area-30-week-retreat-in-daily-life/information-videos> Or call Dick Kirk at (508) 887-0107.



Celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation

*September 17, 2023
During Mass at 10:30 am*

We are delighted to announce the parish Confirmation of six young adults. These young men and women all came forward requesting to undergo the preparation required to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. They have worked through the summer to do this.

We are happy to announce our confirmandi:



William Dowd



Miranda Roy



Alyssia Lopez



Olivia Roy



Zachary Paul



Heidi Shifflett

Fr. Jim will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation with the permission of our bishop, Most Reverend Robert J. McManus.

Come join us to celebrate this joyful occasion!



Prayer for Students

Dear Jesus,
Thank you for the gift of learning!
I want to grow closer to you
in everything I do at school.
In math and science, help me to see
your beautiful plan in the world.
Help me to discover new stories
and values as I read and write.
In arts and music, help me to be creative.
In sports, help me to treat my teammates
and my opponents fairly.
Help me to learn new skills in technology.
Jesus, you are the perfect teacher.
Help me to listen with open ears,
an open heart, and an open mind
to all my teachers at school.
Help me to treat my classmates
with care, kindness, and respect.
Thank you, Jesus, for school!

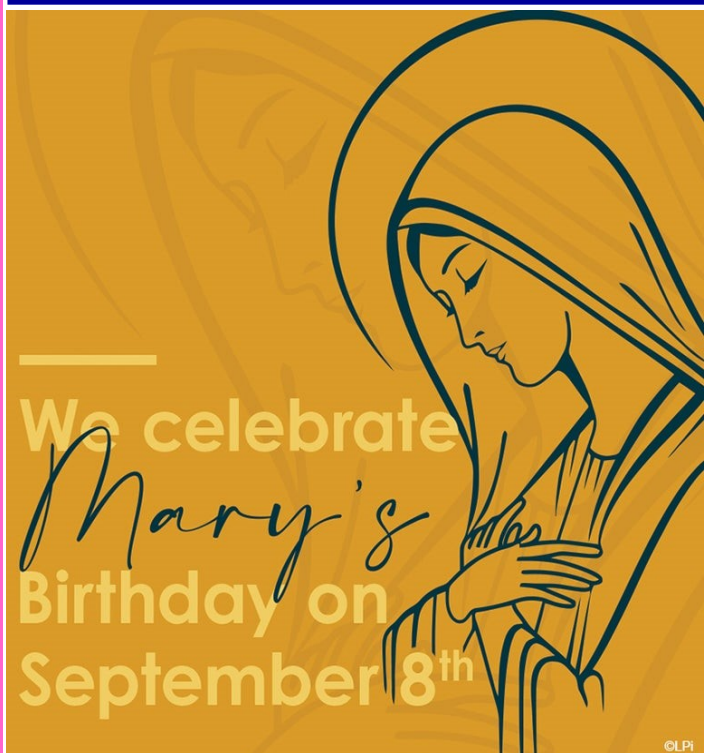
Amen.

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass October 22, 2023



Bishop Robert J. McManus will celebrate the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 22, 2023 at the Cathedral of St. Paul, Worcester.

This liturgy of thanksgiving to God for many years of faithful witness to the sacredness of Christian marriage honors couples who are marking significant anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, etc.) this year. A light reception will follow downstairs in the Cenacle. Family and friends are welcome! Couples wishing to attend should **pre-register no later than October 13** so that commemorative certificates may be issued. To register, complete the registration form at worcesterdiocese.org/w..., or contact the Office of Marriage and Family at 508-929-4311 or email aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org to request that a copy of the registration form be sent to you.



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 5th grade teacher on Sunday morning (9:15-10:15)

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

Phone: 508-886-2010



Religious Education

Classes begin in 2 weeks.

Thank you for your consideration!

St. Patrick's MUMS FUNDRAISER

Pictured: Some of our actual plants for sale!

**Mark your calendars
to get your Mums**

**Available
On the Common**

**September 9 & 10
and 16 & 17**

Saturday Sept 9th	9 am -12 noon 5:30 pm-6:30 pm
Sunday Sept 10th	7:30 am -12 noon
Saturday Sept 16th	9 am -12 noon 5:30 pm-6:30 pm
Sunday Sept 17th	7:30 am -12 noon

**Mums, asters & celosia: \$12.99
Cabbage/Kale: \$6.00**



Cinderella will visit
on Sept. 10th,
8:30-12 noon.
Come take your photo
with Cinderella and
enjoy some face painting!

**Volunteers welcome
to help us**

Sell these beautiful plants.
Can you help?

If so, contact Donna at:

Donnaevans0407@gmail.com

*We are **grateful**
for your support!*

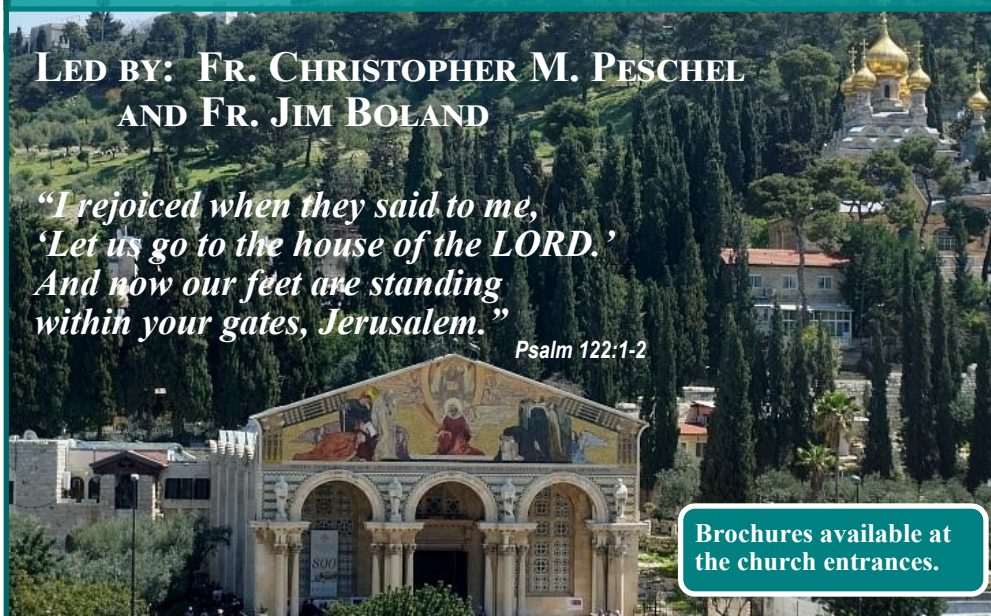
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**LED BY: FR. CHRISTOPHER M. PESCHEL
AND FR. JIM BOLAND**

*"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



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