

# 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)

**September 17, 2023**



**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023**

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

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." - Mt 18:21-22

## **TABERNACLE LAMP**

**Irene Kaminski  
5th Anniversary**

**September 17 - 23, 2023**

## **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 16:

**5:00 pm** Denise Clark

Requested by Elaine Peter

### Sunday, September 17: 8 am Livestreamed Mass †

**8:00 am** Irene Kaminski, 5th Anniversary

Requested by the Stidsen Family

**10:30 am** Marie Joyce

3 Months Anniversary, on her birthday

Requested by Patricia Lavigne

### Monday, September 18:

**8:00 am** Basilio Hernandez, 5th Anniversary

Requested by the Gil Family

### Tuesday, September 19:

**8:00 am** John V. Katinas

Requested by Cindy Katinas

### Wednesday, September 20:

**8:00 am** Anna Marie Nelson

Requested by the Family

### Saturday, September 23:

**5:00 pm** Joey Michael D'Agostino

Requested by the Dinsdale Family

### Sunday, September 24: 8 am Livestreamed Mass †

**8:00 am** (\*Living Intention) Adelina Guzman, 2nd Birthday

Requested by the Family

**10:30 am** Pam Kozminski

Requested by the Family



## Celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation

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

Please pray for our confirmandi who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation today (Sunday):



William Dowd



Miranda Roy



Alyssia Lopez



Olivia Roy



Zachary Paul



Heidi Shifflett



## Event Calendar

**September 16-17: Mums Sale, On the Common, see bulletin insert for times**

**September 17, 18, 19: Religious Education Classes Begin for Grades 1-10. Welcome back!**

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

**September 19: Divine Mercy Chaplet, Following 8 am Mass**

**September 19: Scripture Study & Faith Sharing, 9 am, in the Church Hall following the Divine Mercy Chaplet**

**October 1: Rosary** following the **10:30 am** Mass (First Sunday of every month) Please join us.

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

**October 6: Last Day for Textile Drive; Drop off information available soon**

**October 13: Holy Hour to Pray for Priests, 7-8 pm, Immaculate Conception Church, 353 Grove St. Worcester. Every second Friday of the month.**

**October 14: Public Rosary Crusade, 12 Noon, in front of the Church**

**November 18: Annual Turkey Social, 6pm, Parish Center Hall**

**Newly Baptized**

**Welcome**

the newly baptized members  
of our Parish Family,

**Baptized in July & August:**

† Easton Andrew Dumas

† Erin Marie McEwen



**September 10, 2023**

## Mass/Mailed in/Electronic Collections

Weekly Offering	\$ 3,723.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 1,519.80
Higher Utilities	\$ 355.00
	<b>\$ 5,597.80</b>

**Special Collections:**

**Fall Appeal Catholic Schools \$20.00**

**Thank you!**



## A Message from our Pastor

Dear Friends,

This past week was the anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, a day that will always be locked in our memory with remarkable clarity for many of us.

While many things have stuck with me over the years, one that continues to come up often is this: in the days and weeks after, my small parish in Northboro grew exponentially. Masses were filled to the brim with people. People realized what mattered when faced with a crisis, at least for a while. For some, memories of that day that changed everything are immensely more personal because they were there in New York, Washington, or Pennsylvania. One such story was of a firefighter, whose story was published on the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary almost 12 years ago. He would be responsible for walking with those serving in situations that many of us could barely imagine. Yet, as a man of faith, the gift of his relationship with Christ would carry him forward:

*Ralph Esposito was a 10-year veteran firefighter with the New York Fire Department and just assigned on Sept. 10, 2001, to the Counseling Unit for his day tours.*

*"I was involved right from the start," Esposito said. "I spent 10 months, three to four days a week, talking to the guys while they were digging up body parts. I dug up my own share of body parts too."*

*In the weeks and months since the attack, he saw "a lot of human suffering, a lot of families broken up. Kids looking for fathers, mothers looking for sons."*

*Aside from civilians who worked in the World Trade Center who could not escape the collapsing towers, 343 members of the Fire Department perished in the disaster.*

*But Esposito also saw a "lot of good.... I've seen a lot of people do great things."*

*Esposito, who in 2008 was named Man of the Year for the Fire Department of New York Holy Name Society, retired this year [2011]. He teaches youngsters in five CCD classes a week.*

*"I remember thinking in the early days: How am I going to get through all of this? Days went from 6am to sometimes midnight. I couldn't even get home. But you took it a day at a time. If you put your strength in God, there's no limit."*

*Before 9/11 people knew Esposito was always a strong believer. "I remember them questioning me: What do you think of God now?" he said.*

*He answered: "I never asked the 'Why' question. What I found over the years is you ask the 'What' question: What does God want me to get out of this; what am I supposed to learn? Things happen. From an earthly point of view, Job's friends thought he was a sinner. That had nothing to do with Job. So just worry about your salvation. Are your bags packed? Ready to go? That's what I got out of 9/11."\**

Despite the trials and tribulations we face, let us all put our strength in God. Let us allow Him to lead so that we be sustained in this life and be with Him in the next.

God Bless,

*Fr. Jim*



\*- <https://www.ncregister.com/news/remembering-9-11-q4vc5vma>





## Rutland Food Pantry

### Upcoming Distribution Dates

Date	Time
<b>September</b>	
Saturday, September 23, 2023	9:00 - 10:30 AM
<b>October</b>	
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.

**September 17, 2023**  
**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**"For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's." – Romans 14:8**

This is the essence of stewardship – everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts that God has given us, especially our very own lives. Pray to God, daily, and ask Him how He is calling you to live the life that He intended for you.

## 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](mailto: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
- ☐ Potholders
- ☐ 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.

## St. Patrick's Annual Turkey Social Planning Meeting, Sept. 21st 6:00 pm, Parish Center

**\*Mark your Calendars!**



A **Planning Meeting\*** is scheduled for Thursday, **September 21st, 6:00 pm** in the **Parish Center Hall**.

If you have had a support role in prior Turkey Socials, or would like to volunteer to work this Social, please attend this meeting. For questions, contact Chris Aufiero:

[aufiero21@charter.net](mailto:aufiero21@charter.net)

*\*Many hands make light work.*

## Theology of the Body

FOR BEGINNERS

Join us for a new book study.

Everywhere we look, we find more and more confusion about the most fundamental truths of human life. As we lose our basic understanding of the meanings of man, woman, marriage, and sex, the question becomes ever more urgent: What does it mean to be a human being? Against this backdrop, St. John Paul II's *Theology of the Body* appears as a bright light in the darkness. His writings go straight to the heart of what it means to be fully human - but they are often difficult for most of us to grasp easily. Join fellow parishioners on a journey through the Theology of the Body! Come and learn about what it means to be human and how to share this with those we love! Join us for a 6-week Theology of the Body Book Study presented by Fr. Jim Boland.

Using resources directly from the Theology of the Body Institute, we'll meet on Tuesdays, in the Parish Center Hall starting on October 10 (*please read chapter 1 for Class 1*).

Books will be available for \$7 in the Parish Office (compare to Amazon \$13.95/Kindle \$8.49).

**Meeting Dates - Tuesdays from 7:00-8:30pm**

October 10, 17, 24 (no meeting Oct 31)

November 14, 28 (no meeting Nov 7 & Nov 21)

December 5th

Sign up on the Parish website: <https://stpatricksrutland.org/theology-of-the-body-for-beginners> or at the doors of the church.

## CLOTHING & TEXTILE DRIVE

Time to drop off your donations.

**DROP OFF ANYTIME**

to St. Patrick's Lower Parking Lot.

Place all donations in the gray horse trailer!

**HELP WITH LIFTING AVAILABLE!**

Monday through Friday - 6 to 6:30 pm

Saturday - Sept. 23rd, 9-10 am

Watch bulletin for additional times.

For questions or early drop-off arrangements contact **Donna Evans at 774-364-1400**

*Thank you for your support!*



Please join us for our 6<sup>th</sup> **Public Rosary Crusade**

Praying for peace in the world and the conversion of souls.

**October 14th, 12:00 noon**

in front of St. Patrick's Church, 258 Main St., Rutland MA.

**Please contact Mary Buttitta at 774-578-7143 for more information.**

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# St. Patrick's MUMS FUNDRAISER

**Pictured: Actual plants for sale!**

**Time to pick up your Mums**

**Available On the Common**

**September 16 & 17**

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**

For questions, contact Donna at:

[Donnaevans0407@gmail.com](mailto:Donnaevans0407@gmail.com)

*We are grateful for your support!*

**St. Columba Parish Invites You...**

**“Come Join a Holy Hour  
to Pray for AMERICA”**

**Our Blessed Mother Mary promises, if we do as**



she mandated, there will be miracles of the soul greater than those of Lourdes and Fatima. Join us to learn more about Our Lady of America's message and to pray a rosary. Come and bring your needs, your hopes and your prayers to Our Lady, and seek her intercession for yourself, a loved one, our church and/or our nation. She is longing to help and she loves you so much.

**Saturday, September 23rd, 9:00 am  
St. Columba Church  
18 Richards Ave., Paxton, MA**

## *A Message from our Bishop*

My dear friends in Christ,

Why is support for Catholic schools part of the mission of every Catholic, not just that of parents with children in our schools? After all, this is not the late- 19th century or early-20th century America, a time when Catholic children of immigrant families faced many obstacles when entering public schools.

A simple sign hangs in every Catholic school: “Christ is the reason for this school.” Let us not be fooled. To practice and pass on an authentic Catholic faith in the classroom is becoming increasingly necessary in our society. We are called to be instruments of evangelization in society by being witnesses to the love of God.

We often hear that many community and business leaders in Central Massachusetts are products of Catholic schools. Their alma maters did not boast the fanciest buildings, or the most expansive after-school programs, or even the flexibility to express one's individuality in daily attire. What they did offer and continue to offer to this day, is attention to the individual student, sound academic and social formation and, most importantly, being formed in the Catholic faith (or in Catholic values for those of other faiths) in order to learn what true success in life really means beyond how to make money.

Each year we remind ourselves that religion is not just one topic among others in Catholic schools. The relevance of our faith can be discussed in the context of every single topic taught in our classrooms, including science, math, history, literature and languages. Faith is also a guiding force in after-school programs, sports and the arts. The Catholic school student learns that to live the good life is to live a life filled with meaning, which is not the same as living a life focused on self-indulgence or self-importance.

We recognize how difficult it is for many parents to pay tuition while often paying taxes that support public schools, but they know they are investing in their child's future, both temporal and eternal. For many families, especially new immigrant families, increased access to financial aid is the only way they can consider a Catholic school. It takes everyone sharing in solidarity with our Catholic school families.

What more can you do? Talk to family and friends about the value of the Catholic school option in our communities. Support their decision to choose a Catholic school. And, never forget the power of prayer to support the work of our teachers, administrators and staff who are dedicated to the ministry of Catholic school education, a ministry which makes tangible the love of Jesus in the life of each student they encounter.

Thank you for considering prayerfully how support of Catholic schools, in whatever way you can, will help today's students become tomorrow's leaders in both society and the Church.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Most Reverend Robert J. McManus*  
Bishop of Worcester



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