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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.

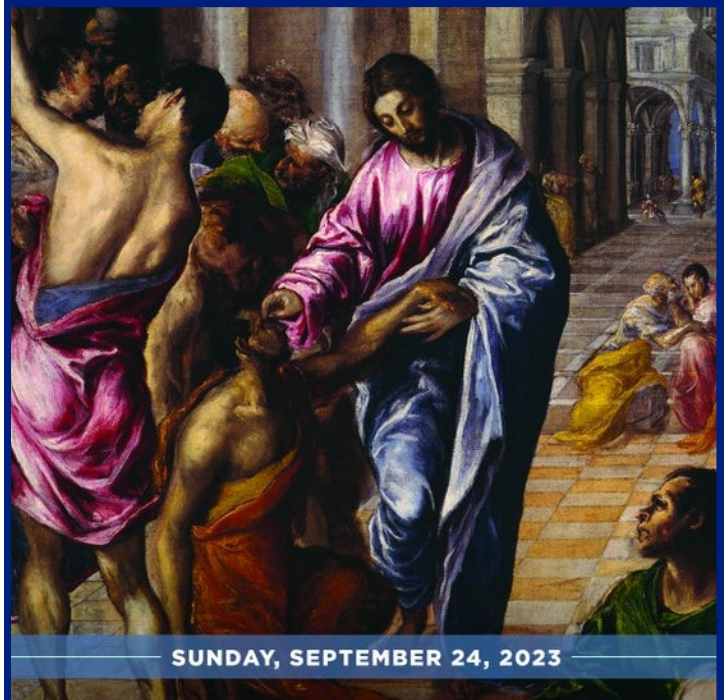
NEW PARISHIONERS: Welcome! We hope that you will become an active part of our parish family. Please introduce yourselves at your first opportunity, or call the Parish Center to register.

PRAYER REQUEST LINE: Call with your requests.

Paula Stidsen 774-696-3008

Or email: PaulaStidsen@gmail.com

September 24, 2023



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Are you envious because I am generous?” Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.” - Mt 20:15-16



**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, 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

Monday, September 25:

8:00 am Fr. Joseph Mahoney, 9th Anniversary

Requested by the Gil Family

Tuesday, September 26:

8:00 am Porfiria Paulino, 9th Anniversary

Requested by the Gil Family

Wednesday, September 27:

8:00 am Anna Marie Nelson

Requested by the Family

Saturday, September 30:

5:00 pm Bill Bailey, Months Mind

Requested by the Parish

Sunday, October 1: 8 am Livestreamed Mass †

8:00 am Michael Aufiero, 14th Anniversary

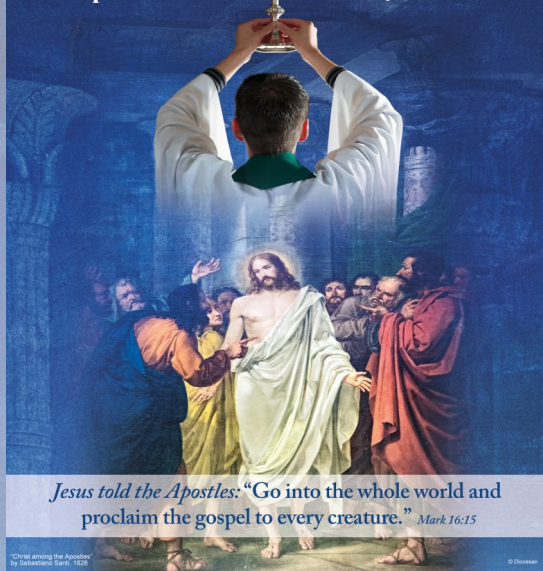
Requested by Chris Aufiero

10:30 am Linda Quinn

Requested by the Alarie Family

Priesthood Sunday

September 24th Thank you Fr. Jim



Jesus told the Apostles: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15

"Christ among the Apostles" by Sebastiano Banti, 1628

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Event Calendar

September 26: Divine Mercy Chaplet,
Following 8 am Mass

September 26: 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

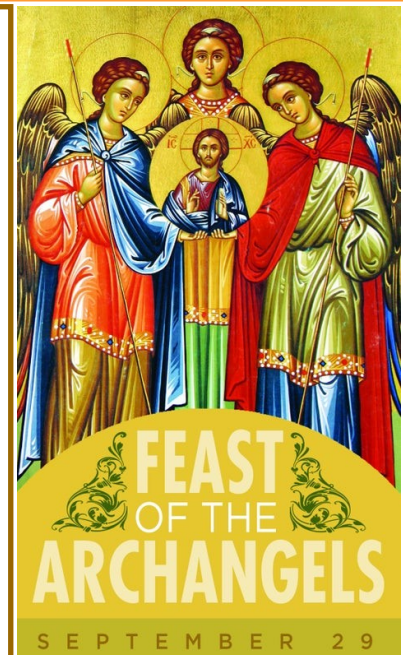
October 6: Last Day for Textile Drive; Drop off
information available soon

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

Mark your Calendar!



September 17, 2023

Mass/Mailed in/Electronic Collections

Weekly Offering	\$ 3,424.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 2,117.50
Higher Utilities	\$ 65.00
	\$ 5,606.50

Special Collections:

Fall Appeal Catholic Schools \$175.00

Thank you!



A Message from our Pastor

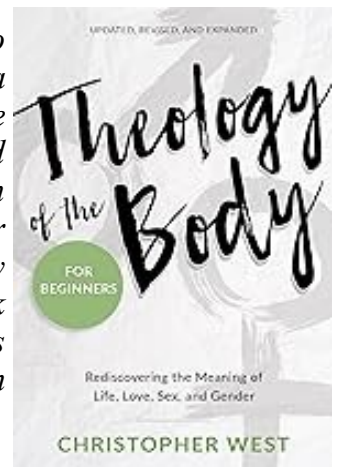
Dear Friends,

Starting on October 10th there will be a 6-week book study on the *Theology of the Body*. This will be taught using resources directly from the Theology of the Body Institute – both provided Power Point presentations of the high points and the book itself for each student. This will expand the previous study on the video series we did while also helping to go deeper with the material – even though you need not have attended the earlier classes regarding this topic to participate. We'll meet on Tuesdays from 7-8:30pm in the Parish Center Hall; books are available for \$7 in the Parish Office (much cheaper than online).

Please read Chapter 1 for Class 1 to hit the ground running. Our meeting dates will be Tuesdays from 7:00-8:30pm on October 10th, 17th, and 24th. (There will be no meeting on October 31st - Halloween); Also, on November 14th and 28th (with no sessions on November 7th due to Fr. Jim's Master's Program Class & November 21st because of Thanksgiving week), and a final class on December 5th. This will get into the topics I've been studying that are considered some of the most challenging and deeply meaningful to us, which is why I invite all to take part to go deeper into the 'Why' of what the Church teaches behind these topics. Be assured of my prayers, my friends, and I hope to see you for Class. Here is a description of the book below:

"Divorce. Broken families. Sexual abuse. Pornography. Gender issues. Everywhere we look, we find more confusion about the 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?"

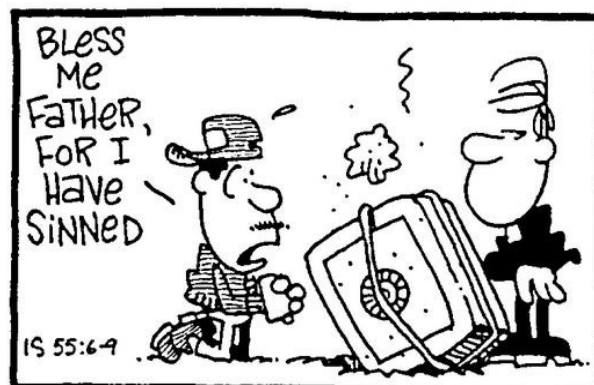
*Theology of the Body for Beginners is a concise introduction to the answer to that question. Using simple, everyday language, Dr. Christopher West lays a foundation for understanding the basics of St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body, making his profound teachings on human sexuality easy to grasp and apply in our lives. You will discover a deeper understanding of your role in your family and in society, learn how to better love and be loved by your spouse or future spouse, and gain new insights on how to respond with clarity and compassion to hot-button issues on sexuality. The first edition of this book was released in 2004 and instantly became an international bestseller. This updated, revised edition of the original includes new insights from West's own research in addition to wisdom from Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis."**



God Bless,

Fr. Jim

*- <https://shop.corproject.com/collections/best-sellers/products/theology-of-the-body-for-beginners>





Rutland Food Pantry

Upcoming Distribution Dates

Date	Time
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.

September 24, 2023
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Matthew 20:16

You've heard the saying "it's not where you start, but how you finish." This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our sincere gratitude and cheerful generosity will help us live "God-centered" lives and not "self-centered" lives.



ST. PATRICK'S CLOTHING & TEXTILE DRIVE

Time to drop off your donations.

Bags, 13 Gallon & up recommended.

DROP OFF ANYTIME

to St. Patrick's Lower Parking Lot.

**Place all donations in the
gray horse trailer
that is parked there.**



IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE WITH LIFTING?

Drop off your bags at the following times:

Monday through Friday - 6 to 6:30 pm

Saturday - Sept. 30 9-10 am

For other drop-off arrangements contact

Donna Evans at 774-364-1400

**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.**

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
- ☐ Flip flops, Slippers
- ☐ Pocketbooks, Backpacks

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

New & used items are accepted.

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

Happy Fall cleaning!

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

Fundraiser is conducted in collaboration with the Epilepsy Foundation New England.

Come Join the Choir



Our choir officially resumes in October, after a long Covid induced hiatus. We are happy to welcome *new members* to join our returning choir, under the direction of Dave Twiss.

Is the *LORD* asking you to share your talent in this way? If so, please call Denise at 508-886-4984. Note: rehearsals are typically on Thursday evenings.

St. Patrick's MUMS FUNDRAISER

Thank You to Everyone
Who Made Our Fundraiser
A Great Success
Together we raised \$4,688!

To our volunteers...

- ☐ Our Confirmation Students
- ☐ Chris and Bob Hayes
- ☐ Pat Martin
- ☐ Nancy Mathieu
- ☐ Chris Mulry
- ☐ Nicole Murdoch (Cinderella)
Prettyprettyprincessparties.com

To our donors...

- ☐ Central Mass Oil/the Evans Family,
who donated all the plants
- ☐ Mark McQuestion of
Holden Landscape Design,
who donated the pumpkins

To our patrons...

- ☐ All of you who purchased and
participated in the fun...

We are *grateful* for your support!

God bless you

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 are 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.

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September 27- October 5

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- Over 200 abortion workers converted
- Over 100 abortion centers closed



For more information go to:

<https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/worcester>



Please join us for our 6th **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.

JOIN US FOR A 10-DAY PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND!

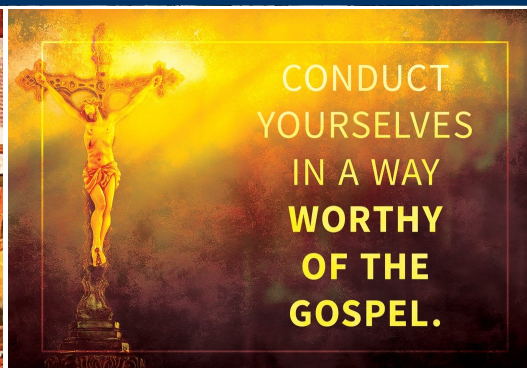
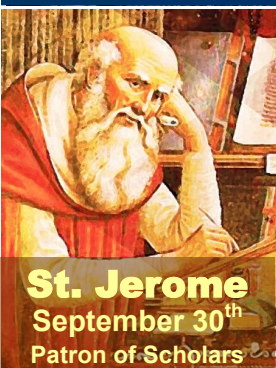
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June 23—July 2, 2024

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



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