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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.

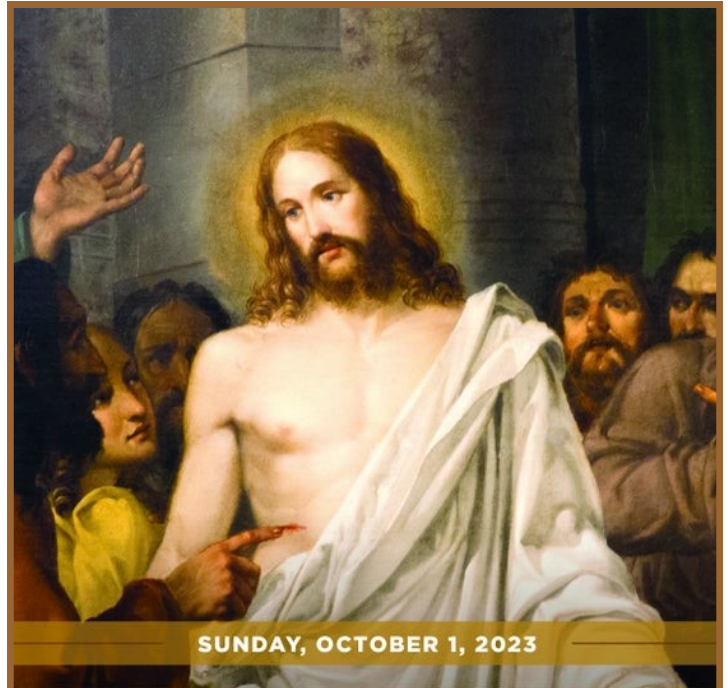
NEW PARISHIONERS: Welcome! We hope that you will become an active part of our parish family. Please introduce yourselves at your first opportunity, or call the Parish Center to register.

PRAYER REQUEST LINE: Call with your requests.

Paula Stidsen 774-696-3008

Or email: PaulaStidsen@gmail.com

October 1, 2023



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him." - Mt 21:32

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GLP

TABERNACLE LAMP

Linda Courtney
20th Anniversary

October 1 - 7, 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 30:

5:00 pm Bill Bailey, Months Mind
Requested by the Parish

Sunday, October 1: 8 am Livestreamed Mass †

8:00 am Michael Aufiero, 11th Anniversary
Requested by Chris Aufiero

10:30 am Linda Quinn
Requested by the Alarie Family

Monday, October 2:

8:00 am Anthony and Angela Gagne
Requested by Joe Luca

Tuesday, October 3: Celebrant: Msgr. John Doran

8:00 am Anna Marie Nelson
Requested by the Family

Wednesday, October 4: Celebrant: Msgr. John Doran

8:00 am Frances H. Katinas
Requested by Cindy Katinas

Saturday, October 7:

5:00 pm Richard Clifford
Requested by the Clifford Family

Sunday, October 8: 8 am Livestreamed Mass †

8:00 am Linda Courtney, 20th Anniversary
Requested by the Stidsen Family

10:30 am Donald Mathieu
Requested by his wife Nancy

September 24, 2023

Mass/Mailed in/Electronic Collections

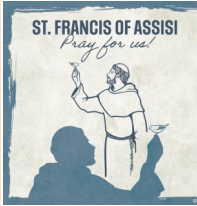
Weekly Offering	\$ 2,901.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 2,080.80
Higher Utilities	\$ 70.00
All Saints Day	\$ 10.00
All Souls Day	\$ 20.00
	\$ 5,081.80

Special Collections:

Fall Appeal Catholic Schools \$145.00

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!



Event Calendar

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* Canceled

October 3: *Divine Mercy Chaplet*, After **8 am** Mass

October 3: *Scripture Study & Faith Sharing*, **9 am**, in the Church Hall following the Divine Mercy Chaplet

October 10: *Theology of the Body Book Study*, **7 pm to 8:30 pm**, in the Parish Center Hall

October 6: *Last Day for Textile Drop Off*; Drop off all bags in horse trailer in lower parking lot, any time.

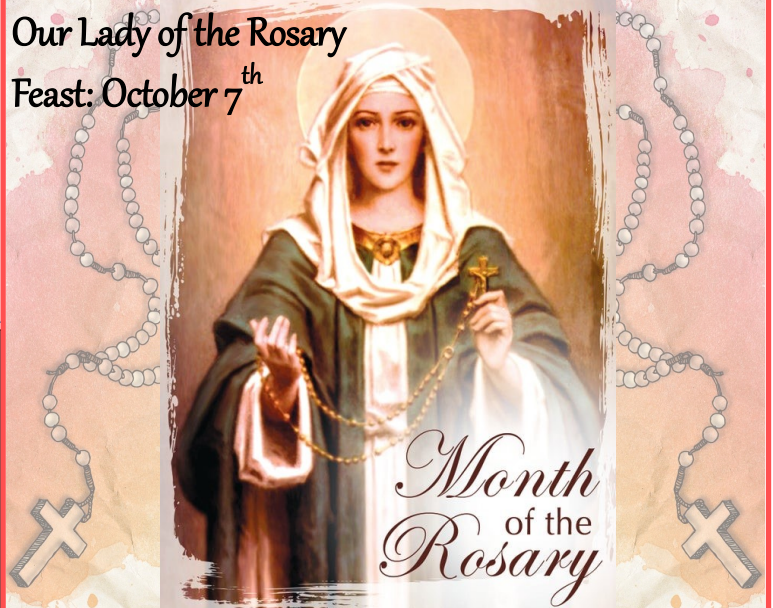
October 13: *Holy Hour to Pray for Priests*, **7-8 pm**, Immaculate Conception Church, 353 Grove St. Worcester. Every second Friday of the month.

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

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

Our Lady of the Rosary

Feast: October 7th



Our Guardian Angels October 2nd



Prayer to My Guardian Angel

Angel of God,
my guardian dear,
to whom God's love
commits me here,
ever this day be at my side,
to light and guard,
to rule and guide. Amen

A Message from our Pastor

Dear Friends,

Today, we celebrate the feast day of St. Therese of Lisieux. I'm reminded of a story where a priest was describing visiting the convent where she lived and couldn't believe how small it was. The way Therese wrote, you wouldn't think this. Yet the reason for this is because of the depth of her love:

St. Thérèse of Lisieux was a remarkable saint. While she was confined to the walls of a cloister during her life, her writings made her an instant celebrity after her death, highlighting the depth and simplicity of her spirituality.

One of the key parts of her life was her simple devotion to Jesus and her intense love of him, even in the midst of suffering and desolation. She loved God with her whole heart and was willing to do anything for him.

Because of this intense love, St. John Paul II called her an "expert" in the "science of love" in his apostolic letter, Novo Millennio Ineunte.

Love is truly the "heart" of the Church, as was well understood by Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, whom I proclaimed a Doctor of the Church precisely because **she is an expert in the scientia amoris**: "I understood that the Church had a Heart and that this Heart was aflame with Love. I understood that Love alone stirred the members of the Church to act ... I understood that Love encompassed all vocations, that Love was everything."

Pope Benedict XVI picked up this same theme in a general audience he gave in 2011:

My beloved Predecessor described her as an "expert in the scientia amoris" (Novo Millennio Ineunte, n. 42). **Thérèse expressed this science, in which she saw the whole truth of the faith shine out in love**, mainly in the story of her life, published a year after her death with the title *The Story of a Soul*. The book immediately met with enormous success; it was translated into many languages and disseminated throughout the world.

Pope Benedict continued in his reflection, pointing out the beauty of her expertise in love, "The *Story of a Soul*, in fact, is a marvelous **story of Love**, told with such authenticity, simplicity and freshness that the reader cannot but be fascinated by it! But what was this Love that filled Thérèse's whole life, from childhood to death? Dear friends, **this Love has a Face, it has a Name, it is Jesus!** The saint speaks continuously of Jesus."

If we are to ever become an expert in love like St. Thérèse, we must look to Jesus, to his face, and love him with our whole heart, mind and soul. Only then can we truly love our neighbor, seeing in them the face of Christ.

God Bless,

Fr. Jim

*- <https://aleteia.org/2022/10/01/how-st-therese-was-an-expert-in-the-science-of-love/>



Come Join the Choir



You've heard it said that one who sings, prays twice! Come be part of the joy! Our choir officially resumes with rehearsal on October 19th at 7pm in the church. We are happy to welcome *new* as well as *returning* members, under the direction of Dave Twiss.

Is the *LORD* asking you to share your talent in this way? If so, please call Karen Cove at 508-886-2730.

THE DISMAS FAMILY FARM invites you to our



FALL HARVEST DAYS

Saturdays 12 - 4 PM
October 7th and 14th
687 Lincoln Road, Oakham, MA

**Come join us for
hay rides, pumpkins,
and delicious fall
treats at the farm!**

Admission Free!

WWW.DISMASISFAMILY.ORG

Let's Take the Stairs!

Some of our parishioners have asked us for stairs from the parking lot to the landing near the side door of the church, for safe and easy access. We now have the opportunity to proceed and we need your financial help to achieve it.

The cost estimate is \$7,000. If you would like to help, please make your donation to St. Patrick's Church and clearly mark that it is for the "stairs".

Thank you for your support!



Congratulations
to Members of Our Parish Family
who received the
Sacrament of Confirmation
on September 17th

✠ **Alyssia Lopez**

✠ **Miranda Roy**

✠ **Zachary Paul**

✠ **Olivia Roy**

✠ **Heidi Shifflett**

✠ **William Dowd**

Come Holy Spirit, bless them with a mind that thinks of You, a heart that loves You and a will that responds to You. Amen.



Join our 10th ANNUAL
Celebrate Priesthood!

SAVE THE DATE
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2023

worcesterdiocese.org/celebrate-priesthood



2023 CELEBRATE PRIESTHOOD AT SAINT PAUL DIOCESAN JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL

For the past nine years, the Diocese of Worcester has hosted a wonderful gala called "**Celebrate Priesthood - Taste of the Diocese**" as a benefit for Retired Priest's Care. Our retired priests have served our parishes and parishioners for decades until they were at least 75. Some served as pastors well into their eighties before retiring. Many of our retired priests regularly fill in on weekends, cover vacations and serve in prison ministry. We appreciate their efforts and regard all our retired priests with great esteem, respect and affection. Your generous support is greatly appreciated as the proceeds help us care for our retired priests with dignity. Join us on **Thursday, October 26, 2023** from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at **Saint Paul Diocesan Jr./Sr. High School** in the Gymnasium. To buy ticket(s) or make a donation in memory of a deceased priest or in honor of a priest who is still serving, or to get more information, visit worcesterdiocese.org or call 508-929-4366.

Bereavement Ministry

Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish,

111 Worcester Street, West Boylston will hold a six-session bereavement support group beginning, **Monday, October 16th, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.** The faith based program offers insights about grieving in a healthy way to work toward healing. For more information or to register (required prior to the start of the meetings) call Renate Isbell (508) 835-3286.

FOR BEGINNERS Theology of the Body

Join us for a new
6-week book study,
starting Oct. 10th.

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

Please read Chapter 1 for Class 1.

Dates: Tuesdays, 7:00-8:30pm-Parish Center Hall
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.

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

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL & ST. PATRICK PARISHES

June 23—July 2, 2024

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

Pick up a brochure
at the entrances
of the Church

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 worcesterdioocese.org/w..., or contact the Office of Marriage and Family at 508-929-4311 or email aledoux@worcesterdioce... to request that a copy of the registration form be sent to you.



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.

It's Time!

**Our Altar Servers
are in need of new
robes. It has been a
number of years since
we have updated
the wardrobe for
our altar servers.
The time has come!**



We will be replacing our current albs with 30-35 new **white** albs. If you would like to show your support of our Altar Servers by offering a donation to this endeavor, we would be most appreciative. Please clearly mark your donation that it is intended for the Altar Servers. Your gift will be processed accordingly. All donations will be applied to the purchase of new albs. *Thank you!*



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Columbus**

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Corner"**

Consider Becoming a Knight of Columbus

We share a desire to be better husbands, fathers, sons, neighbors and role models and to put charity and community first.

For more information contact: Bryce Hunt at
brycehunt5000@yahoo.com

October 1, 2023
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Do nothing out of selfishness; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves..." **Philippians 2:3**

Pride and ego are hard things to control. We see how others act or dress and think we are superior to them. We idolize our own self-image. But, if we truly believe everything is a gift from God, we recognize all the people that God has put in our lives as gifts! We are grateful for how they enrich our lives. Pray every day for the people in your life: your family, your friends and those who make you angry.



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 October includes: *(Non-expired food only, please)*

- **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

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
red horse trailer
that is parked there.**



**Drop off
Ends
October 6th**

DO YOU NEED ASSISTANCE WITH LIFTING?

Drop off your bags at the following times:

Monday through Thursday - 5:30 to 6:00 pm

Friday, Last opportunity: 6:00—7:00 pm

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.

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