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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

November 12, 2023



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2023

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Lord, Lord, open the door for us!” But he said in reply, “Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.” - Mt 25:11-12

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TABERNACLE LAMP

Irene Amsden

November 12 - 18, 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, November 11:

5:00 pm David MacCallum, 2nd Anniversary
Requested by the Lemoine Family

Sunday, November 12: 8 am Livestreamed Mass †

8:00 am **MEMORIAL MASS for ALL SOULS**

10:30 am Walter J. Lucier
Requested by the Family

Monday, November 13:

8:00 am Sara Marie Crutcher-LaMadeleine
Requested by Margaret Wilkins

Tuesday, November 14:

8:00 am Anna Marie Nelson
Requested by the Family

Wednesday, November 15:

8:00 am (*Living Intention) Fr. Denis Lemieux,
Anniversary of Ordination
Requested by Lauren Maldonado

Saturday, November 18:

5:00 pm Francis and Muriel Souza
Requested by the Lemoine Family

Sunday, November 19: 8 am Livestreamed Mass †

8:00 am Mark Kerrigan
Requested by Susan Lopez

10:30 am Anna Marie Nelson
Requested by the Family



Event Calendar

November 12: Memorial Mass for All Souls, 8 am

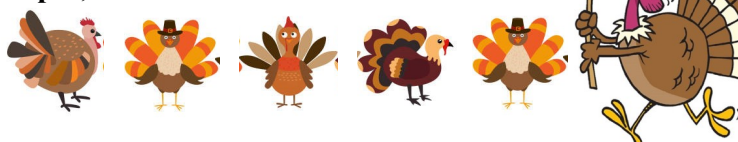
November 12: Donations for Turkey Social Due,
deliver to Parish Center Hall

November 14: Divine Mercy Chaplet, After 8 am Mass

November 14: Scripture Study & Faith Sharing, 9 am,
in the Church Hall following the Divine Mercy Chaplet

November 14: Theology of the Body Book Study, 7 pm
to 8:30 pm, in the Parish Center Hall

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



November 20: Holy Hour, 6:30 - 7:30 pm Canceled

November 20: Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service,
7:00 pm, Hosted by St. Patrick's Church, reception to
follow in the Church Hall.

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

December 4: Holy Hour, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

December 8: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Masses at 8 am and 7 pm.

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

December 8: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Holy Day: Masses at 8 am and 7 pm.



Newly Baptized

Welcome

the newly baptized member
of our Parish Family,

Baptized in October:

† Lenya Ariela Cwalinski



November 5, 2023

Mass/Mailed in/Electronic Collections

Weekly Offering	\$ 3,778.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 1,716.60
Higher Utilities	\$ 110.00
All Saints Day	\$ 496.00
All Souls Day	\$ 180.00
	\$ 6,280.60

Special Collection:

Campaign for Human Development \$25.00

Thank you!



A Message from our Pastor

Dear Friends,

As we spoke of All Saints Day last week, this week, we now talk of All Souls Day. Celebrated the day after All Saints, it is a day to pray for all those who've gone before us; a day to pray for those we've now entrusted to the care of Christ that that they may be with him in Heaven. So long as we pass from this life without mortal sin – meaning we did not commit a sin that rises to **grave matter**, while having **full knowledge** that it was wrong, nor **consent** to what we had done, we'll *eventually* enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Why do I say eventually? Because to enter the Kingdom of Heaven, we must be *perfect as Our Heavenly Father is perfect* (Matt 5:48). We couldn't survive God's omnipotent presence otherwise. Indeed, one of the Spiritual Works of Mercy is to pray for the living and the dead for this exact reason. This Memorial was established some years ago for that very purpose.

All Souls Day has a fascinating history, one that can be traced back to the 10th century and the initiative of St. Odilo of Cluny.

St. Odilo was a holy abbot of a Benedictine monastery located in Cluny, France. This monastery became highly influential during the Middle Ages and played a crucial role in the development of monastic life.

During his time at Cluny, St. Odilo instructed his monks to pray for the souls in purgatory on the day following All Saints Day. There are various legends regarding this institution. Here is one of the most popular, as printed in Donahoe's Magazine in 1880.

A French pilgrim returning from Jerusalem was cast by a storm upon the coast of Sicily. A [hermit], who dwelt amid the rocks of the sea-shore, asked him if he knew the monastery of Cluny and the abbot Odilo. "Often," said the hermit, "I hear the spirits of darkness uttering blasphemous curses against those pious persons whose prayers and alms free the souls that suffer in [purgatory]; but they are particularly bitter against Odilo and his religious. I therefore earnestly entreat you, in the name of God, when you reach your native land, to urge the holy abbot and his monks to redouble their prayers for the suffering souls in purgatory." The pilgrim delivered the request, and Odilo directed that in all the monasteries of his order, a yearly commemoration of all the faithful departed should be made on the day following the feast of All Saints ... The pious practice was gradually adopted by other churches, and soon became of general observance throughout the Catholic world.



Whether or not this actually happened is debatable, but this story has been passed down over the centuries and must have some truth to it. The annual commemoration of All Souls can be traced to St. Odilo, and it was gradually adopted by other churches in Europe until it became a universal feast of the Catholic Church.

This weekend, we celebrate at the 8am Mass our annual Memorial Mass for all those who've gone before us so that we may pray for our loved ones at a Sunday celebration. Please pray regularly for all those who've passed on – the Holy Souls in Purgatory – so that they may be in the fullness of God's presence, and be assured they are praying too, for all of us.

God Bless,

Fr. Jim

2022-2023 Memorial Remembrance



*Ernest E. Nichols
Donald C. Trottier
Kevin F. McCann
Thomas F. Donoghue, Jr.
Claire Rita White
Glen D. Anderson
Robert A. Bernatchez
Baby Saul Depiro
Denise Joyce Clark
William J. Bailey, Jr.
Gary F. Flynn*

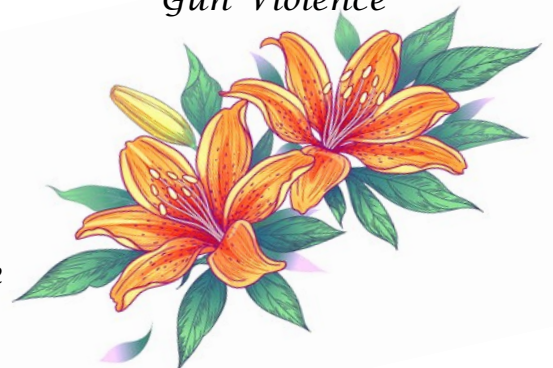
All Souls Day 2023 Spiritual Remembrance



*Clement & Lorraine Berube
Al Boucher, Jr.
James Boucher
Ruth & Al Boucher, Sr.
Beatrice & Gerald Dion
Robert Dion
Wayne Dion
Claire & Edgar Dube
Lynn Fontaine*

*Ray Fontaine
Donna & Jim Meaney
Jackie O'Brien
Helen Petkus
John & Linda Petkus
Laura Plant
Ginny Tremblay
Olga & Peter Waslaske
Norma Jean Wells*

*All Souls in Purgatory
The Victims of Senseless
Gun Violence*





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"Whenever we encounter a poor person, we cannot look away, for that would prevent us from encountering the face of the Lord Jesus." (Pope Francis, Message for the Seventh Annual World Day of the Poor)

November 9, 2023

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

For over 38 million Americans, there is a thin line between eviction and home, between hunger and health, between unemployment and work, between anxiety and stability. This line is the Poverty Line. Nationally, for a family of four, that line is \$25,750 a year.

Since 1969, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) has addressed poverty by attacking its causes and funding community projects that promote independence as a means of finding a permanent end to poverty. That's why the CCHD theme is "Help Those on the Margins." This collection is the primary source of funding for CCHD's anti-poverty grants and education programs.

This year, *seventy-five percent of the collection will stay here in our diocese*. Each November I meet with our parish and community groups which receive local grants from the previous year's collection. It is always inspiring to see how these small grants blossom into effective programs to support the dignity of people who find themselves most often on the margins. Given our economy's high inflation rate, the need has increased dramatically in the many food pantries and emergency assistance programs in our parishes and Catholic agencies which receive support from our local CCHD funds.

Please help the efforts of CCHD to break the cycle of poverty. We are "working on the margins" in Central Massachusetts and across America. **Support the CCHD Collection on November 18 & 19 as a response to the Seventh Annual World Day of the Poor that Sunday** as called for by our Holy Father. For more information about CCHD and the scope of poverty in America, please visit www.povertyusa.org.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester

St. Patrick's Annual Turkey Social
November 18th
6:00 pm, Parish Center
***Mark your Calendars!**



We are grateful for any donations for our raffles.

Suggested items:

- ♥ Gift Cards
- ♥ Hand crafted items
- ♥ Newly purchased items
- ♥ Gift Baskets
- ♥ New toys
- ♥ Be Creative!

Please drop off your item(s) no later than November 12th, to the Parish Center.

Hope to see you at the Turkey Social at 6pm, November 18th! Gobble, Gobble!

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For more information contact:
 Lynne Amsden
 508-886-7153

or by email:
Lm.amsden@verizon.net



**Tour of the Relics
 of Saint Jude the Apostle**

Where: Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish
18 East Main St., Webster, MA

Date: Thursday, November 16th

Veneration of the Relic: 1 pm-6 pm,

Mass at 6 pm, veneration follows until 9 pm

From September 2023 to May 2024, the arm of Saint Jude Thaddeus, venerated in Rome from ancient times, will be on pilgrimage in the United States, making stops in 100 cities.



One of the Church's most beloved saints, Saint Jude is the one to whom people turn when they are desperate and have tried everything else. When things seem lost or unbearable—when they seem hopeless—Saint Jude is the one to whom people often turn. Come and experience his transformative presence.

The relics are touring with Fr. Carlos Martins, the Relic Guy and the host of the Exorcist Files podcasts. He is also one of the speakers for next year's Worcester Catholic Women's Conference.



**FAITH &
 SCIENCE**

**Making Peace
 Between
 Faith and Science:
 A Catholic Approach**

Rather than focusing on the scientific evidence supporting belief in God, Fr. Steve Lundrigan explores how the Catholic approach provides a way to unite religious faith and the belief in the power of science and reason.

This is a presentation that you don't want to miss! Everyone is welcome.

November 29th at 7pm
at St. Columba Church,
10 Richards Ave.
Paxton, MA.



Rutland Food Pantry

Upcoming Distribution Dates

Date	Time
November	
Note: Only 1 Distribution in November	
Saturday, November 18, 2023	9:00 - 11:00 AM
December	
Note: Only 1 Distribution in December	
Saturday, December 16, 2023	9:00 - 11:00 AM

We are very grateful to all who continue to support the Rutland Food Pantry.

Our **Thanksgiving** distribution is Saturday, November 18, 2023 from 9:00 to 11:00 am

Members of the Food Pantry staff will be at the pantry on Wednesday Nov. 15 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM if you would like to drop off your donations at that time. The Food Pantry is located downstairs in St Patrick's Church.

Our specific food needs for the Holidays are:

- ☐ Stuffing
- ☐ Cranberry Sauce
- ☐ Pie Crusts
- ☐ Pie Filling (Any Flavor)
- ☐ Quick Breads
- ☐ Mushroom Soup
- ☐ French Cut Green Beans
- ☐ Dried Onions
- ☐ Gravy
- ☐ Coffee/Tea/Cocoa

Other Items Needed:

- ☐ Cereal
- ☐ Bottles of Juice or Juice Boxes
- ☐ Boxed Rice products
- ☐ Canned Meats especially Tuna
- ☐ Hamburger/Tuna Helper
- ☐ Boxed or Canned Potato Products
- ☐ Baked Beans
- ☐ Ramen

Non-perishable, non-expired, unopened food donations may be dropped off downstairs on the stage at St Patrick's.

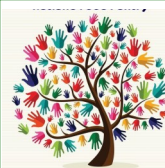
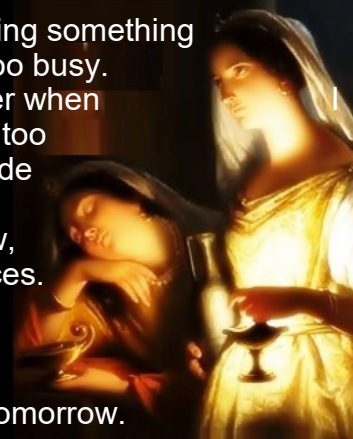
God Bless and Thank You

November 12, 2023 | 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**"Therefore, stay awake,
for you know neither the day nor the hour."**

Matthew 25:131

Many of us have put off doing something because we think we are too busy. We've all said, "I'll do it later when have time." Unfortunately, too many of us apply this attitude to our Faith. Jesus' call is urgent, in the here and now, in your current circumstances. How is God calling you to use your gifts today? Don't delay. None of us is guaranteed tomorrow.



Rutland Food Pantry Planning Ahead for Thanksgiving

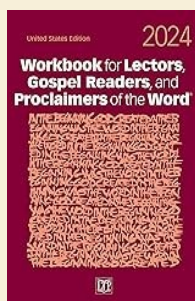
Every year, members of St. Patrick's support the Rutland Food Pantry by donating turkeys around the holidays. This year, with mixed reports that turkeys will be in short supply, we are starting early!

If you would like to help...

- ☐ Sign-up at the doors of the Church
- ☐ Purchase a turkey now.
- ☐ Freeze it until we get closer to our November 18th distribution day.
- ☐ If you do not have the capacity to freeze a turkey, the Food Pantry will collect it now. Just notify the Parish Office: 508-886-4984 to arrange for pick-up or drop-off.



Thank you for
your generosity
in helping those
in need.



Calling all WEEKEND LECTORS

Please pick up your Lector Workbook for 2024, in the Sacristy.

Thank you for your generous and continued service!



Knights of Columbus' "Knight's Corner"

Consider Becoming a Knight of Columbus

Contact: Bryce Hunt at
brycehunt5000@yahoo.com



On the Lighter Side... Are You Listening?

A little girl was kneeling beside her bed with her mother and grandmother, softly saying her prayers.

“Dear God, please bless Mommy and Daddy and all the family, and please give me a good night’s sleep.”

Suddenly she looked up and shouted, “And don’t forget to give me a bicycle for my birthday!”

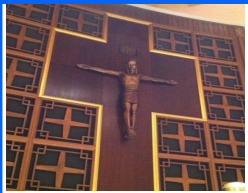
“There is no need to shout like that,” said her mother. “God isn’t deaf.”

“No,” said the little girl, “but Grandma is.”



Pick up your Catholic Family 2024 Calendars

at the doors of the church
or at the Parish Center



Extra Weekday Masses in Advent Christ the King Parish

Advent begins the weekend of December 2 & 3. Christ the King Parish, located at 1052 Pleasant Street in Worcester, continues its custom of celebrating an additional weekday Mass at 5:30 pm, Monday through Friday. All are welcome to join. The first Mass will be Monday, December 4th. The last is on Friday, December 22. Mass concludes about 6:00 pm.

The only exception to this schedule is on Friday, December 8, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, when the Mass will be at 6:00 pm rather than 5:30 pm.



Parish Secretary in Lancaster

Immaculate Conception Parish is accepting applications for the position of Parish Secretary. This is a 15-hour per week position. The successful candidate must have an appreciation for the Catholic faith and knowledge of the Microsoft Office Suite, including Word, Excel, and Access. Experience in Flocknote and Quicken is a plus. If you are interested, please submit your resume to Fr. Michael Broderick at cmb@immaculateconception-lancaster.org

The Choir Needs You!



We continue to recruit for new members to the choir. We especially need soprano voices as we have lost 5 of our 6 soprano members since 2019.

We hear so many of you singing during the Mass. Would you consider sharing your wonderful talent from the choir loft?

If the Lord moves you, please speak with any member of the choir or call the parish office, 508-886-4984.

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

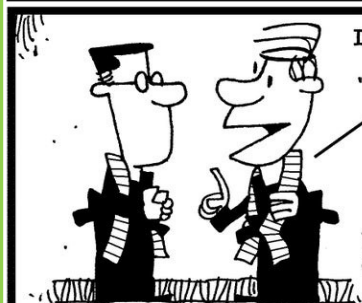
Join us: Monday
November 20th, 7:00 pm

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TO COME TO
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