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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.

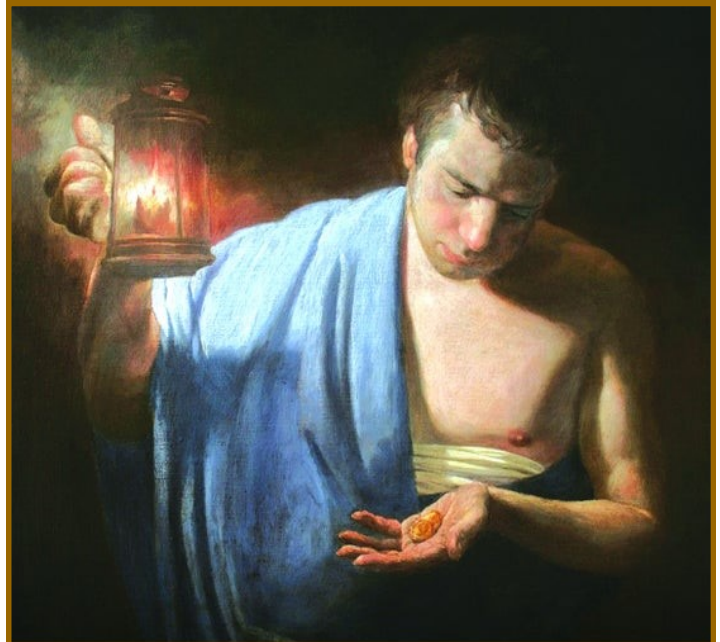
NEW PARISHIONERS: Welcome! We hope that you will become an active part of our parish family. Please introduce yourselves at your first opportunity, or call the Parish Center to register.

PRAYER REQUEST LINE: Call with your requests.

Paula Stidsen 774-696-3008

Or email: PaulaStidsen@gmail.com

November 19, 2023



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2023

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Well done, my good and faithful servant." – Mt 25:21



Pick up your
**Catholic Family
2024 Calendars**

at the doors of the church
or at the Parish Center

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 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

Monday, November 20:

8:00 am (*Living Intention) Gary Putnam on 70th Birthday
Requested by Fran Glockner


Tuesday, November 21:

8:00 am Gary F. Flynn, Months Mind
Requested by the Parish

Wednesday, November 22:

8:00 am Fr. Barth S. O'Connor
Requested by Mark Alarie

Thursday, November 23:

8:00 am  Thanks be to God!

Saturday, November 25:

5:00 pm Ernie Nichols, 1st Anniversary
Requested by the Family

Sunday, November 26: 8 am Livestreamed Mass ☩

8:00 am Leon & Irene Lamarche
Requested by the Bailey Family

10:30 am Carina Ferreira
Requested by Maria Pereira

November 12, 2023

Mass/Mailed in/Electronic Collections

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| Weekly Offering | \$ 3,643.00 |
| Electronic Giving | \$ 1,395.80 |
| Higher Utilities | \$ 395.00 |
| | \$ 5,433.80 |

Special Collection:

**Campaign for
Human Development \$25.00**

Thank you!



Event Calendar

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.

November 21: Divine Mercy Chaplet, After 8 am Mass

November 21: Scripture Study & Faith Sharing, 9 am, in the Church Hall following the Divine Mercy Chaplet

November 21: Theology of the Body Book Study, 7 pm to 8:30 pm, No Class, next class Nov. 28th

November 23: Happy Thanksgiving, Mass at 8 am

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

December 4: Holy Hour, 5:55 -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 11: Confessions, 6:00 pm



November 19, 2023 | 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

***Well done, my good and faithful servant.
Since you have been faithful in small matters,
I will give you great responsibilities.***

MATTHEW 25:21

God calls us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously return a portion with increase. He doesn't want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us. He expects us to grow our gifts, to use them wisely, and to be generous with them. Unfortunately, many of us are not generous in proportion to all that God has given us. God asks us to be generous with all our gifts, especially the one that means the most to you.

A Message from our Pastor

Dear Friends,

As we enter this Thanksgiving week, I am grateful to God for what he sometimes permits in my life – the things I don't want. What I mean by this is that sometimes, as we all know, the Lord allows us to go through things we wouldn't have chosen for ourselves. Many times in the past, I'd try to run from them. But I find myself more today offering the challenges of life back to the Lord in two ways: First, for all the things I can't control, I say from my heart, "You take care of it," as he asks in the *Surrender Novena*, and let Him move things according to His Will. Second, I ask Him for the things in my control, "Let it be done according to your will." For this to come about, I must let my heart be affected by His Grace at work within (easier said than done). For that to happen in each of us means we must not go through the motions, but each day, we must give our "yes" to God and wholeheartedly let ourselves be transformed.

It can be tempting to think that if we pray the Rosary every day we are instantly holy.

Similarly, if we fast from meat every Friday of the year, it doesn't not mean that we are devout Catholics.

Performing outward religious acts is certainly an important part of being Christian, but it does not immediately mean that we will go to Heaven.

St. Francis de Sales explains this idea in his book Introduction to the Devout Life:

*One man sets great value on fasting, and believes himself to be leading a very devout life, so long as he **fasts rigorously**, although the while his **heart is full of bitterness**;— and while he will not moisten his lips with wine, perhaps not even with water, in his great abstinence, he does not scruple to steep them in his neighbour's blood, through slander and detraction.*



*Another man reckons himself as devout because he **repeats many prayers daily**, although at the same time he does not refrain from all manner of angry, irritating, conceited or insulting speeches among his family and neighbors. This man **freely opens his purse** in almsgiving, **but closes his heart** to all gentle and forgiving feelings towards those who are opposed to him; while that one is ready enough to forgive his enemies, but will never pay his rightful debts save under pressure.*

*St. Francis de Sales further points out that “**all these people are conventionally called religious, but nevertheless they are in no true sense really devout.**”*

Recipe for holiness

The key to being holy lies not in performing many religious actions with an empty heart.

*Instead, we are called to give to God our whole being, body and soul. Our actions must be followed-up by a tender heart, **a heart on fire with God's love.***

If we do pray the Rosary every day, we must let the prayer penetrate our heart and soften it, so that we will help a neighbor in need.

God Bless, *Fr. Jim*



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Columbus

"Knight's Corner"

The Knights of Columbus will have
Keep Christ in Christmas
auto magnets
available for sale after all Masses
on Nov 26th and Dec 3rd, for \$5 each.

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BLESSED THANKSGIVING TO YOU AND YOURS!



Thanksgiving Prayer

This Thanksgiving, let us remember all the good things, and people, who have come into our lives. We focus on thanking each one who has helped us, and ultimately thank God for the good gifts of this world.

Let us pray...

God our Father,
Graciously accept from your humble people a thankful heart and spirit. Everything we have and are able to share with others ultimately comes from your love of your creations. Often we think that everything we have is our own creation; we ask you this day to create in us a spirit of gratitude, that we may always know that all good gifts come from you.

We ask this through Christ our brother, in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.



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SOMETIMES I FEEL
LIKE AN OUTCAST
WHEN I TAKE
THE BABY TO THE
CRY ROOM AT MASS.



DON'T THINK OF IT
AS THE "CRY ROOM."
THINK OF IT AS
THE "V.I.P. SUITE."



HELP TO END HUNGER BY DONATING!

FOOD DRIVE



NOVEMBER 27TH-DECEMBER 4TH

Located in St. Patrick's Church, The Rutland Food
Pantry

Most Needed Items:

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



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Questions? Contact Natalie Bennett Via Email
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On the Lighter Side...

GOD, THE ARTIST

Little Philip was walking home in the rain with his mother following Sunday Mass. It finally stopped raining as they rounded the corner, where to their surprise and delight appeared a vivid double rainbow in the sky.

"Doesn't it look like an artist painted this rainbow?" his mother exclaimed. "I bet God painted this just for you!"

"Yes," replied Philip, "God did it, and He did it left-handed." Confused, his Mother asked, "what makes you say God did this with his left hand?"

"Well," said Philip,
"we learned
in Religious
Education
class that
Jesus sits
on God's
right hand."



Saint Cecilia | November 22

Saint Cecilia's story, like many of the earliest saints', is largely apocryphal and legendary in nature. According to tradition, Cecilia was born to a wealthy and prominent Roman family. Though she had consecrated her virginity to the Lord, she was married to a man named Valerian. It is said that she was "singing in her heart to the Lord" at her wedding. She confessed her promise of virginity to her new husband revealing that an angel protected her. Valerian would honor her vow only if he too could see the angel. Cecilia told him he would see the angel if he was baptized, which he went to do immediately. When he returned to her, he saw the angel beside her. Cecilia also converted Valerian's brother, Tiburtius.

Unfortunately, it was a turbulent time in Rome for Christians. Valerian and Tiburtius were martyred for burying the bodies of Christians, which was illegal. Cecilia was also targeted for her faith. First authorities attempted to suffocate by locking her in the bath in her home and overheating the room. Some accounts say that she didn't break a sweat and even began to sing. They then sent in an executioner to behead her, but he faltered and was unable to complete his task, only succeeding in mortally wounding her. She remained alive for three days before she died.

The saint's body was exhumed twice, first by Pope Paschal I in 821, then by Cardinal Sfondrato in 1599. Both times her body was found incorrupt, the first saint to exhibit this extremity. St. Cecilia is the patron saint of music and musicians.



Rutland Food Pantry

Upcoming Distribution Dates

| Date | Time |
|--|-----------------|
| 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.

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



Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

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

Hosted by
**St. Patrick's
Church**



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.

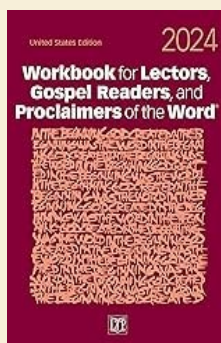
This is a presentation that you don't want to miss! Everyone is welcome.

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



Thanksgiving MASS TIMES

8:00 am



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