

St. Patrick Parish

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Serving the People of Rutland, Oakham and Hubbardston

November 26, 2023

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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

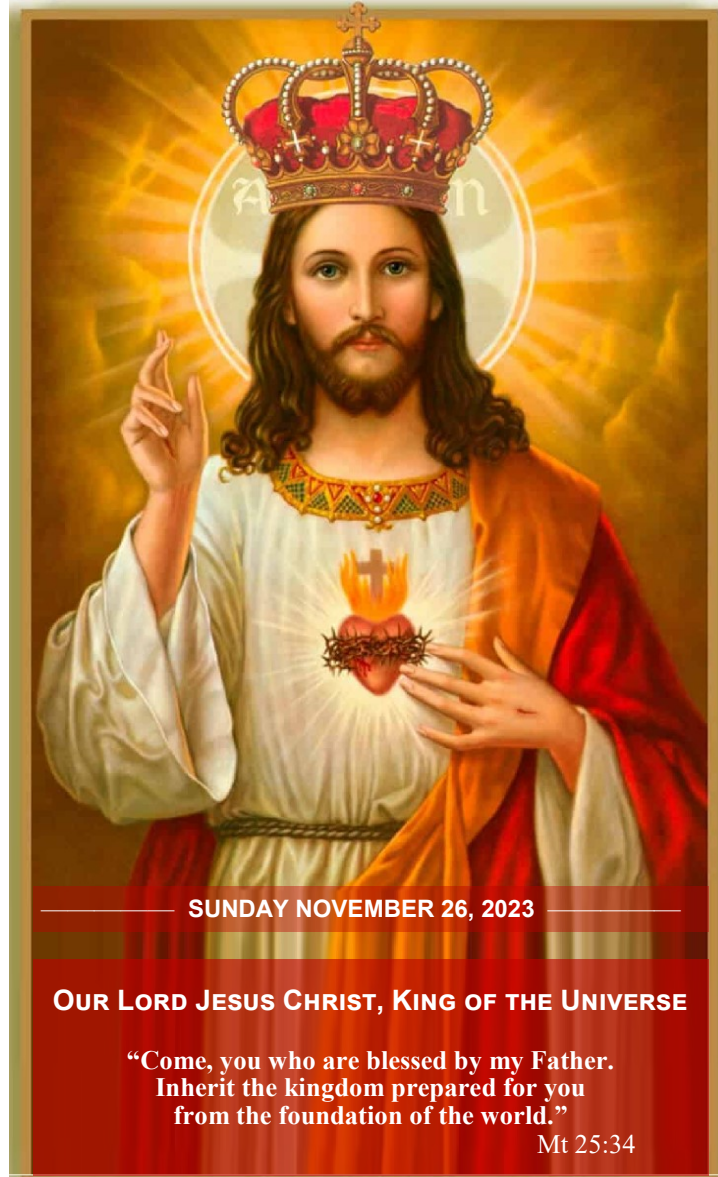
HOME & HOSPITAL VISITATION: Please notify us if you know of someone who is ill or homebound.

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



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 or by the Ramp located on the right 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 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

Monday, November 27:

8:00 am Donald E. Bertrand, Jr.
Requested by his sister Donna Blaum

Tuesday, November 28:

8:00 am Anna Marie Nelson
Requested by the Family

Wednesday, November 29:

8:00 am Noreen Orcutt, 13th Anniversary
Requested by Deacon Pierre & Carol
Gemme

Saturday, December 2:

5:00 pm Eileen Clifford
Requested by the Clifford Families

Sunday, December 3: 8 am Livestreamed Mass ☩

8:00 am Michael Depiro
Requested by the Parish

10:30 am Clealand Blair, 3rd Anniversary
Requested by the Family



Event Calendar

November 28: Divine Mercy Chaplet,
After 8 am Mass

November 28: Scripture Study & Faith Sharing, 9 am,
in the Church Hall following the Divine Mercy Chaplet

November 28: Theology of the Body Book Study, 7 pm
to 8:30 pm, last class Dec 5th.

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, Confessions
also available

December 8: The Immaculate Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary, Holy Day of Obligation - 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

December 18: Holy Hour, 5:55 -7:30 pm, Confessions
also available



November 26, 2023

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

*"...whatever you did for one of the least
of my brothers, you did for me." – Matthew 25:40*



**Knights of
Columbus**

**"Knight's
Corner"**

The Knights of Columbus will have

Keep Christ in Christmas
auto magnets

available for sale after all Masses
on Nov. 25th & 26th and
Dec. 2nd & 3rd, for \$5 each.



A Message from our Pastor

Dear Friends,

As we begin Advent, there's no doubt a lot of demands on your time. Christmas is coming, but let us not forget the reason of the season: The long awaited Messiah entered time and space for our salvation. His mission: to save us from our sins by a once-for-all, all encompassing sacrifice of atonement for our sins and those of the whole world. He's given us means to be forgiven and enter deeply into relationship with the Holy Trinity through the Sacraments of Confession and Holy Communion. Let us recognize deeply the beauty and mercy of Christmas!

Unfortunately, Advent is so often overshadowed by all the material preparations and gift-giving that we tend to miss the central spiritual themes of this beautiful season. One way to reignite our soul is to read the following passage from St. Paul's letter to Timothy.

This saying is trustworthy and deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Of these I am the foremost. But for that reason I was mercifully treated, so that in me, as the foremost, Christ Jesus might display all his patience as an example for those who would come to believe in him for everlasting life. To the king of ages, incorruptible, invisible, the only God, honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

(1 Timothy 1:15-17)



*It's easy to forget that the reason Jesus came at Christmas was to **save** us. Humanity was in need of a savior and Jesus came as a little child to extend his bountiful **mercy** upon our poor souls.*

*Sometimes our pride can get in the way of this reality and we don't think we need someone to save us. However, St. Paul's next line should resonate within our souls: "**Of these I am the foremost.**"*

St. Paul had a keen understanding of his own sinfulness and need of redemption. He fully understood that he was a sinner, a great sinner, in need of a savior.

Do we see ourselves as sinners? Do we see our faults and failings?

Again, pride is our worst enemy in this regard as it's easier to blame someone else or to think of ourselves as "righteous." However, St. Paul, one of the holiest saints in the history of the world, counted himself the "foremost" sinner.

Where does that place us, then, if St. Paul is the worst of sinners?

*As we prepare our hearts for Christmas, let us take advantage of the sacrament of confession and look inwardly at ourselves during Advent, recognizing our many failings, but most of all, **accepting Jesus into our hearts as a merciful savior.****

God Bless,

Fr. Jim

*- <https://aleteia.org/2019/12/11/meditate-frequently-during-advent-on-this-quote-from-st-paul/>



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.

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

HELP TO END HUNGER BY DONATING!

FOOD DRIVE



NOVEMBER 27TH-DECEMBER 4TH

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

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Questions? Contact Natalie Bennett Via Email
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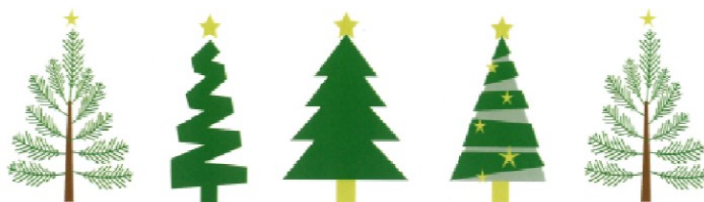
FAITH & SCIENCE

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.**



Join Our Family For Dismas Christmas Fifth Annual Tree Sale

Saturday and Sunday Nov. 25th & 26th
Saturday Dec. 2nd & 9th
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**Grab a Tag
or Two!
Starting Today!**

We are grateful to bring back the St. Patrick's Christmas Giving Tree

The people of St. Patrick's have demonstrated tremendous generosity for those in need through our Christmas Giving Tree over the past years. This year the need, in our own community and within the Worcester Diocese, continues to be great. We invite you to join in the fun of our Christmas Giving Tree for this year and bring joy to a brother or sister in Christ this Christmas.

Our Giving Tree Tags support the following:



Children and Families in Need: Urban Missionaries of Our Lady of Hope

Grab a tag, buy the gift, wrap the gift very loosely in a "gift bag" or a "recyclable bag", secure the tag to the gift, return to the church.



Children and Families in Need: Served by our Food Pantry

Target or Walmart gift cards in the amount of \$25 (though any amount is appreciated) or put together a "Personal Care" Goodie Bag for distribution.



Our Worcester Diocese Seminarians

Grab a tag, purchase a gift card, an amount of your choosing, mail it directly to the Seminarian listed on the envelope. (Suggested: Amazon, MasterCard, Visa, CVS, Staples or Walmart cards.)



Our Friends at Dismas House

Grab a tag, make an offering (checks payable to Dismas House or St. Patrick's Church), return the gift to the Church for distribution to Dismas House.



Our Mission Parish in Haiti

Grab a tag, make an offering (checks payable to St. Patrick's Church), return the gift to the Church for distribution to our Mission Parish.



Return your Gift by December 17th

*Please Pray For the
Repose of the Souls of*

✠ *Pilar Bocanegra*

Sandy Velazquez' Sister

✠ *Diane Hagan*

Heather Ferguson's Mother

✠ *Warren MacDonald*

November 19 , 2023

Mass/Mailed in/Electronic Collections

Weekly Offering	\$ 3,103.50
Electronic Giving	\$ 2,253.50
Higher Utilities	\$ 325.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 10.00
Mary Mother of God	\$ 10.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 45.00
Christmas Offering	\$ 45.00
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Special Collection:
Campaign for
Human Development \$150.00

Thank you!



**Please Pray
for our
High School Students**

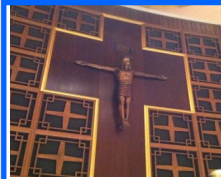
who will be
receiving the

Sacrament of Confirmation

On December 2nd

at the Cathedral of St. Paul

Come, O Holy Spirit Come!



**Extra Weekday Masses
in Advent at
Christ the King Parish**

...begin Monday, December 4th at 5:30 pm
and continuing Monday through Friday, ending
December 22nd. Mass will conclude about 6:00 pm.

One exception: Friday, December 8, the Solemnity of
the Immaculate Conception; Mass will be at 6:00 pm
rather than 5:30 pm.



On the Lighter Side...

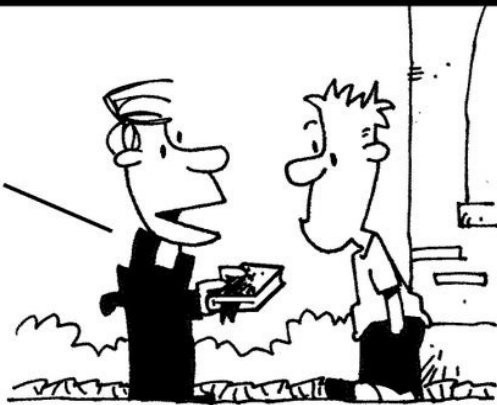
The Millionaire

At a church meeting a very wealthy man rose to tell
the rest of those present about his faith.

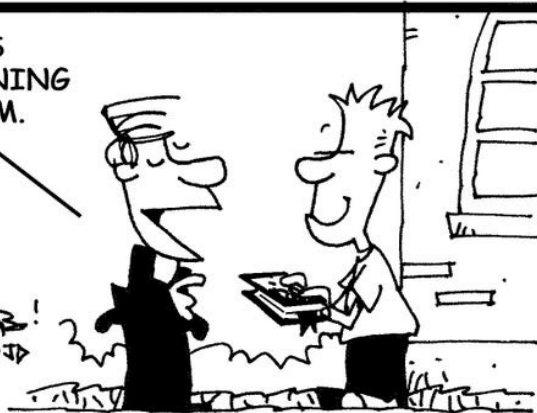
"I'm a millionaire," he said, "and I attribute it all to
the rich blessings of God in my life. I remember that
turning point in my faith. I had just earned my first
dollar and I went to a church meeting that night. The
speaker was a missionary who told about his work. I
knew that I only had a dollar bill and had to either
give it all to God's work or nothing at all. So, at that
moment I decided to give my whole dollar to God. I
believe that God blessed that decision, and that is
why I am a rich man today."

He finished and there was an awed silence at his testi-
mony as he moved toward his seat. As he sat down a
little old lady sitting in the same pew leaned over and
said to him: "I dare you to do it again."

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Question:

What's the story behind the Advent wreath?

Answer:

Each season in the liturgical calendar comes with its own local and regional rituals. During the Advent season, wreaths adorn church sanctuaries and family dining room tables. You may have said Advent wreath prayers in childhood or taken a turn lighting the candles. The Advent wreath is full of symbolism about Christ and his coming at Christmas. The wreath is made of evergreen boughs, reminding us that the life of grace doesn't falter with the changing seasons. It always remains fresh and new. Similarly, a circular wreath reminds us of the eternal, never-ending nature of God's love.

Candles remind us that Christ is the light of the world, the One who "shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." We use four candles to represent each week of Advent. Traditionally they come in the liturgical colors of the season. Purple has historically represented penance and sacrifice. We see the same color for the season of Lent. On the third Sunday of Advent, however, we light a rose color. The priest will wear rose vestments at Mass. This is Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete means "rejoice" in Latin. On the third Sunday of Advent, we're roughly halfway through the season. The Church chooses the midpoint to remind us to celebrate in the midst of our anticipation! Whatever the color and whatever the day, the Advent wreath is a beautiful practice to focus our attention on Christ's coming at Christmas.

Preparing Our Hearts For the Celebration of The Birth of Our LORD, Jesus Christ

The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** (Confession)
will be available
on the following Mondays, 6:00 - 7:00* pm

November 27:

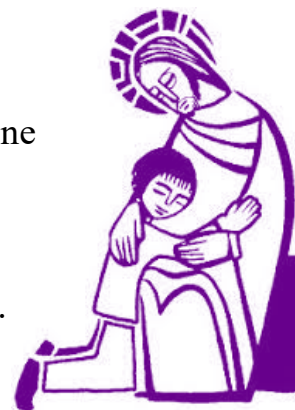
December 4: During Adoration

December 11:

December 18: During Adoration

* Confessions will continue
after 7:00 pm until everyone
has been seen.

Confessions continue
to be available on
Saturdays, 3:30 - 4:30 pm.



**March for Life
Registration
Deadline
Approaching!**

There's still time to register for the bus trip to the 51st annual March for Life in Washington, DC on Friday, Jan. 19, 2024! Buses will leave from St. Paul's Cathedral on Thursday, Jan. 18 following the Respect Life Mass at 7:30 p.m., and will travel to the Basilica of National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC in time for Friday morning Mass followed by the March for Life at noon. Buses will return to Worcester immediately following the March, arriving back at St. Paul at approximately 1:00 am on Saturday, Jan. 20. Cost is \$125 per seat. **Registration deadline: December 15.**

Registrations will be accepted on a first-come-first-served basis. For more details and to download registration forms, visit worcesterdiocese.org/r... or contact the Respect Life Office at 508-929-4311 or email aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org.

Can't attend this year but want to help? Consider making a donation that will help defray expenses for our students who want to attend but might otherwise find it difficult to do so. Thank you!



ACCEPTING ANY AND ALL
ELECTRONICS, BIKES, APPLIANCES
AND MORE!

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT

Saturday, December 2nd, 2023
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

St. Patrick's Church
258 Main Street
Rutland, MA

Cost to You:

- **\$5** each for Computers, Laptops, DVD Players, VCR's, Small Printers, Radios, Speakers, Video Game Consoles, Table Lamps, Fans, Hair Dryers, Curling Irons, Projectors, Drills, Cameras, Clocks, Trophies, Frying Pans, Holiday Lights, Other Small Electronics.
- **\$10** each for Vacuum Cleaners/Robots, Toaster Ovens, Ceiling Fans, Floor Lamps, Air Fryers, Electric Grills, Hot Plates, Small Radiators, Keyboard Pianos, Coffee Makers, Ice Makers, Small Household Appliances
- **\$15** each for Flat Screen Computer Monitors
- **\$20** each for Microwaves, Dorm Sized Refrigerators, Dehumidifiers, Air Conditioners, Water Coolers, Large Printers/Copiers, Heat Lamps, Propane Tanks (Empty)
- **\$25** each for TVs up to 26," CRT Monitors, Washing Machines, Dryers, Stoves, Dishwashers, Large Appliances, Outdoor Grills, Treadmills, Exercise Equipment, Snow Blowers, Lawn Mowers, Rototillers, Power Washers, Large Yard Equipment, Water Tanks
- **\$30** each for TVs between 26" and 35," Large Refrigerators, Ride-On Lawn Mowers
- **\$35** each for TVs over 36"
- **\$40** each for Projection TVs
- **NO CHARGE** (Cash Donation Recommended): Cell Phones, **Bicycles in any condition**, Wires, Cables, Chargers, VHS/DVD's, Video Games, Car/Household Batteries, Keyboards, Tablets.

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