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EUCHARISTIC 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

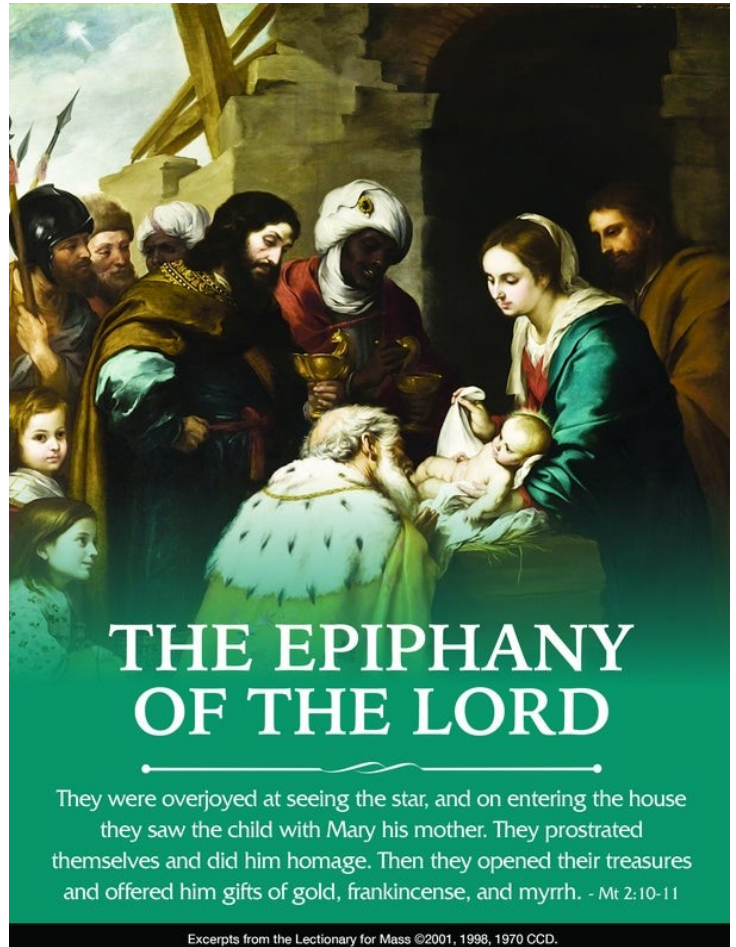
HOME & HOSPITAL VISITATION: Please notify us if you know of someone who is ill or homebound.

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

January 7, 2024



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*Please Pray For the
Repose of the Soul of
✠ Helen C. (Dunn) Twiss*

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, January 6:

5:00 pm Walter J. Lucier, 4th Anniversary
Requested by the Family

Sunday, January 7: 8 am Livestreamed Mass † *Celebrant: Fr. Stephen Gemme*

8:00 am John V. Katinas
Requested by Cindy Katinas

10:30 am Francis Pike
Requested by Cheryl Cadrin & Family

Monday, January 8: Celebrant: Msgr. John Doran

8:00 am The Putnam Family
Requested by the Family

Tuesday, January 9: Celebrant: Msgr. John Doran

8:00 am The Griffin Family
Requested by the Family

Wednesday, January 10: Celebrant: Msgr. John Doran

8:00 am Sara Marie Crutcher
Requested by her mother Margaret Wilkins

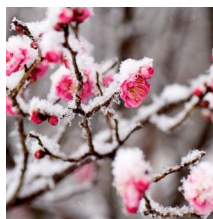
Saturday, January 13:

5:00 pm Bill Bailey
Requested by Richard & Jean Moio

Sunday, January 14: 8 am Livestreamed Mass

8:00 am Emil & Josephine Novak
Requested by their daughter, Chris

10:30 am Richard Allen, 1st Anniversary
Requested by Susan Lopez



Event Calendar

January 9: Divine Mercy Chaplet, After the 8 am Mass.

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

January 12: Holy Hour to Pray for Priests, 7-8 pm, Immaculate Conception Church, 353 Grove St., Worcester. Every second Friday of the month.

January 15: Holy Hour, 6:30 -7:30 pm

February 4: Rosary following the 10:30 am Mass (First Sunday of every month) Please join us.

February 5: Holy Hour, 6:30 -7:30 pm

February 14: Ash Wednesday Masses, 8 am & 7 pm.

February 19: Confessions/Holy Hour, 5:55 -7:30 pm

March 4: Confessions/Holy Hour, 5:55 -7:30 pm

March 8, 9, 10, 11: Light of the World Parish Retreat, Mark your calendars to join in this retreat. Watch the bulletin for more details.

March 18: Confessions/Holy Hour, 5:55 -7:30 pm

March 24: Palm Sunday

March 28: Triduum Begins

March 31: Easter Sunday

December 31, 2023

Mass/Mailed in/Electronic Collections

Weekly Offering	\$ 2,665.00
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	\$ 7,589.80

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We are grateful for your ongoing generosity! Thank you!



A Message from our Pastor

Dear Friends,

Happy Feast of the Epiphany everyone! Today, we celebrate the Magi who visited Christ, bringing with them gifts of Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh – gifts of Priest (Frankincense), Prophet (Myrrh), and King (Gold). For many reasons, this Feast Day is known even more as a feast of light. Read on below:

“While Christmas is often seen as a great feast that honors the light of Christ, the feast of the Epiphany appears to highlight this reality even more.

Pope Benedict XVI points this out in his Epiphany homily in 2012:

The Epiphany is a feast of light. “Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you” (Is 60:1). With these words of the prophet Isaiah, the Church describes the content of the feast. **He who is the true light**, and by whom we too are made to be light, has indeed come into the world. He gives us the power to become children of God (cf. Jn 1:9,12).

One of the reasons light is closely associated with the feast of Epiphany is the story of the Magi and how they followed a star to find Jesus:

[W]e may well look to these figures, the first Gentiles to find the pathway to Christ...No doubt there were many astronomers in ancient Babylon, but only these few set off **to follow the star** that they recognized as the star of the promise, pointing them along the path **towards the true King and Savior**. They were, as we might say, men of science, but not simply in the sense that they were searching for a wide range of knowledge: they wanted something more. They wanted to understand what being human is all about.

Pope Benedict XVI continues with this reflection, pointing in a particular way to the saints as being beacons of light that lead us to the true light of God:

The great star, the true supernova that leads us on, is Christ himself. He is as it were the **explosion of God’s love**, which causes the **great white light of his heart to shine upon the world**. And we may add: the wise men from the East, who feature in today’s Gospel, like all the saints, have themselves gradually become constellations of God that mark out the path. In all these people, being touched by God’s word has, as it were, released an explosion of light, through which God’s radiance shines upon our world and shows us the path. **The saints are stars of God, by whom we let ourselves be led to him for whom our whole being longs.**

*As we celebrate the Epiphany, may we follow the stars of the saints, who lead us to the light of Christ.”**

God Bless,

Fr. Jim

*- <https://aleteia.org/2024/01/03/why-epiphany-is-a-feast-of-light/>



⊕ Come, let us adore Him! Christ the LORD!



Thank you
to our students who made our
Christmas Pageant 2023
a great success!

*Brannagh Allison
Anthony Annunziata
Annabelle Bradford
Evelyn Bradford
Felicity Caviston
Abigail Kelley
Will McSheehy
Eliza Mulry
Harper Place*



We also thank ...

*Ms. Alyssa Mulry: Producer,
Mrs. Chris Mulry: Director,
Mrs. Diane Twiss: Photographer,
Mr. Dave Twiss: Musical Director*



Calling New Altar Servers



We are inviting children in **fourth grade or older** to become involved in the **Altar Serving ministry**.

Altar serving is one of the ways that children can become involved in their parish community.

Deacon Pierre Gemme will be conducting a training class on **Sunday, January 14 at 11:45 am** in the Church. Generally, altar servers are scheduled to serve once a month during their preferred Mass time.

If you are interested in attending please contact Chris Mulry at 508-886-2010 or cam@stpattricksrutland.org to sign up.

Pick up your favorite Poinsettia Plant



Free Poinsettia Plants!

Please help yourself to the Poinsettias in the sanctuary or in the church, starting **Monday, January 8th, after the 8:00 am Mass.**

Pick one up anytime, the church is open.

A Morning Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,
So far today, I've done all right.
I haven't gossiped or lost my temper.
I haven't been greedy, grumpy,
nasty, or self-centered.
I'm really happy about that so far.
But in a few minutes, I'm going
to be getting out of bed,
and then I'm going to need a lot
of help. Thank you! Amen.

On the Lighter Side...



Pro-Life Morning of Reflection, Jan. 13

All are invited to attend a Pro-Life Morning of Reflection and Enrichment on **Saturday, Jan, 13 from 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.** at the Cathedral of St. Paul, 38 High St., Worcester. The day will include reflections by Msgr. James Moroney, Mass, and a light lunch. There is no cost to attend but pre-registration is required. To register, send your name, parish, and email address to aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org, or contact the Respect Life Office at 508-929-4311.

Join the National Novena for Life!

Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual 9 *Days for Life* novena, **January 16 – January 24**. Sign up to receive daily emails and reflections by text or email at www.9daysforlife.com!

January Pro-Life Mass

All are invited to join Bishop McManus for the annual Mass for Life on **Thursday, Jan. 18, 2024 at 7:30 pm** at the Cathedral of St. Paul, 38 High St., Worcester. Please join us to pray for and with our pilgrims who will be travelling to Washington, DC for the annual March for Life on Jan. 19, and to pray for an end to abortion and the conversion of our nation. All are welcome!

*"I have set before you life and death,
the blessing and the curse.
Choose life, then, that you and your descendants may live."*

Deuteronomy 30:19



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Join us for an Open House on Sunday, January 28th from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm. St. Peter's has openings in Grades Pre-K through 8th grade. For more information please contact Marybeth.soucy@stpetercc.com or by phone at 508-791-6496. You can also visit our website: www.stpetercentralcatholic.com.

January 7, 2024 | Epiphany of the Lord

*"They fell down
and worshipped him.
Then they opened
their treasures
and offered him gifts of gold,
frankincense, and myrrh."*

Matthew 2:11

Notice the order of events
in the Magi's visit. First,
they knelt before Jesus
and prayed to Him.
Then they presented
Him with their gifts.
We, too, must
take time to pray
before we
present our
gifts to the Lord.
We never know what God may be asking us to share!

This year for Lent,
don't just change your habits.

DO SOMETHING THAT WILL
**CHANGE
YOUR LIFE**



Light of the World
PARISH RETREAT

PLEASE SAVE THE DATES!

Our next parish retreat
Light of the World (LOTW)
March 8-11, 2024

This is a wonderful opportunity for to grow
in your personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

All retreat activities will be held on parish grounds.
If you are interested in learning more about LOTW,
please **contact Chris or Brenda.**

Chris Hayes:

cbag14@charter.net | 508-735-2429

Brenda Nordquist:

brenda.nordquist@gmail.com | 413-233-8464



Rutland Food Pantry

Distribution Dates

Date	Time
January	
Thursday, January 11, 2024	6:00 - 7:30 PM
Saturday, January 27, 2024	9:00 - 10:30 AM
February	
Thursday, February 8, 2024	6:00 - 7:30 PM
Saturday, February 24, 2024	9:00 - 10:30 AM

As we reflect back on 2023, our hearts are filled with so much gratitude. Gratitude for all the support we receive from our community by way of donations that have overflowed our shelves all year.

We are grateful to all who share with others about this ministry and spread the word of our needs. In addition, we are especially grateful for your thoughts and prayers for our families and volunteers.

Special thanks to our own team of volunteers, who sorted, moved, lugged and lifted for Thanksgiving and Christmas, hundreds of pounds of food and gifts.

We are most grateful for their commitment to this ministry and their willingness to serve.

TO ALL OF YOU - From the bottom of our hearts - WE THANK YOU!!!

Each of us at the Rutland Food Pantry wish you and your loved ones blessings and peace in this New Year!

Wise Men
Still Seek
Him!

The
Epiphany
of the
Lord



Discernment Retreat for Women Spring 2024

The Diocese of Massachusetts have invited Fiat Ministries to host a discernment retreat for women April 5-7, 2024. Single women, age 18-30 who are seeking to do God's will, are invited to attend an upcoming Fiat Ministries Discernment Retreat at Betania II Spiritual Retreat Center. Fiat Ministries cultivates an authentic culture of discernment for young women by inspiring them to say yes to God's call. Religious sisters from various communities assist at the retreat by giving talks, leading small groups, giving their testimonies, and providing a joyful witness of what it means to be a consecrated religious sister. Cost is \$150. fiatministries.org/ret...

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