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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

January 28, 2024



4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"He commands even the unclean spirits
and they obey him." Mark 1:27*



**Join us in Praying
THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY
Every Tuesday
After the 8:00 am Mass
In the Church
All are Welcome!**

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 27:

5:00 pm Mary Lou Mioduszewski

Requested by Ellen & Paul Orczyk

Sunday, January 28: 8 am Livestreamed Mass

8:00 am Peter Fargnoli

Requested by his Wife & Family

10:30 am Sara Marie Crutcher

Requested by her Mother, Margaret Wilkins

Monday, January 29:

8:00 am Wayne O'Neill

Requested by the Mulry Family

Tuesday, January 30:

8:00 am Anna Marie Nelson

Requested by the Family

Wednesday, January 31:

8:00 am The People of St. Patrick's

Saturday, February 3:

5:00 pm Helen C. Twiss, Months Mind

Requested by the Parish

Sunday, February 4: 8 am Livestreamed Mass

8:00 am Susan Alinovi, 2nd Anniversary

Requested by Diane Alinovi

10:30 am John Fraise

Requested by John & Phyllis Towns



Event Calendar

January 30: Divine Mercy Chaplet, After the 8 am Mass.

January 30: Scripture Study & Faith Sharing, 9 am, in the Church Hall following the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

February 3 & 4: St. Blaise: Blessing of the Throats, after all the Masses

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

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

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

March 1: Fish Dinner by the Knights of Columbus.

Mark your calendars to save the date!

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

January 21, 2024

Mass/Mailed in/Electronic Collections

Weekly Offering	\$ 3,066.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 2,163.50
Higher Utilities	\$ 135.00
	\$ 5,364.50

We are grateful for your ongoing generosity and support!

Thank you!



February 14th

ASH
WEDNESDAY

Masses with distribution of Ashes

8:00 am

7:00 pm

2023 Contribution Tax Statements



Statements for Weekly Envelope Offerings are available upon request. Please contact the office to request your statement.

Statements for On-line Giving are available from your on-line account.

Parish Office: **508-886-4984**
or email DAS@stpatricksrutland.org

A Message from our Pastor

Dear Friends,

One of the easiest things we can forget is that Jesus, while He is fully God, He is also fully Man. He holds all together in a perfect integration to accomplish our redemption. In our minds eye, we often think the Lord as fully independent. However, as I mentioned during the Christmas Season, Jesus humbled Himself to become completely vulnerable. This happened so much so, that even Jesus needed to learn how to pray "according to his human heart." Read on:

"While Jesus is fully divine, he is also fully human, and that meant he had to "learn" a variety of things after his birth.

It might seem strange to think of the Creator of the world having to learn how to walk, but that is exactly what happened over 2,000 years ago.

*Not only did he have to learn how to walk, but he also **had to learn how to pray.***

The Catechism of the Catholic Church highlights this point in its section on prayer:

*The Son of God who became Son of the Virgin also **learned to pray according to his human heart.** He learns the formulas of prayer from his mother, who kept in her heart and meditated upon all the "great things" done by the Almighty. He learns to pray in the words and rhythms of the prayer of his people, in the synagogue at Nazareth and the Temple at Jerusalem. CCC 2599*

Mary and Joseph had to teach Jesus how to pray as a little child, teaching him the words to say and what kind of posture he should have.

Yet his prayer was deeper than anyone else's because he is at the same time God:

*But **his prayer springs from an otherwise secret source**, as he intimates at the age of twelve: "I must be in my Father's house." Here the newness of prayer in the fullness of time begins to be revealed: his filial prayer, which the Father awaits from his children, is finally going to be lived out by the only Son in his humanity, with and for men. CCC 2599*

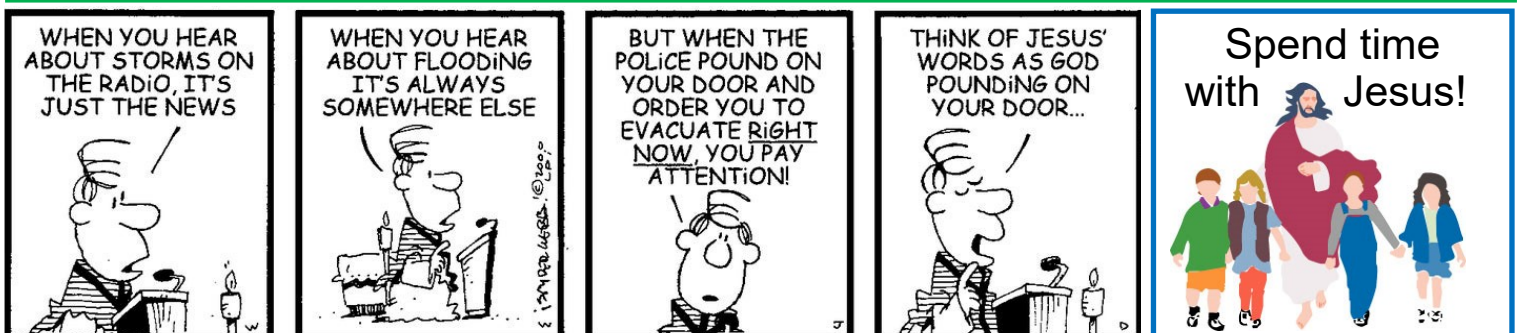
Jesus walked on this earth to show us the path to the Father and learned how to pray so that we too may make the effort to follow in his footsteps.

We need to learn how to pray, and our ultimate teacher and guide is Jesus Christ."^{*}

Friends, if the Lord Himself had to learn from His human heart how to pray, then so do we. With this in mind, I invite you to join a series on prayer: Into the Deep, that will run for six weeks starting on Tuesday, February 13 at 7pm in the Parish Center Hall. Signup on the parish website or at the signup sheets at the door.

God Bless, *Fr. Jim*

*- <https://aleteia.org/2024/01/23/why-jesus-had-to-learn-how-to-pray/>



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Adam Richards at adam.richards1316@gmail.com.

Pilgrimage to
Fatima & Lourdes
Discovery with
Barcelona

October 13 to
October 22, 2024



Join Fr. Stephen Gemme of St. Paul Cathedral
on a **pilgrimage to Fatima, Lourdes and Barcelona**,
visiting Aljustrel, Valinhos, the Cathedral of Burgos,
the Grotto of Massabielle and La Sagrada Familia.

If you would like to join in October 13 - 22, 2024 or
would like more information, please click the link:

<https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1227248>

or contact Lauren Maldonado:

Email: laurenmm@msn.com Phone: (508)277-4827 .



ST. BLAISE

FEAST DAY
FEBRUARY 3rd

*Blessing
of the throats
following all
the Masses
on February 3rd
and February 4th.*



LENT BEGINS...
February 14th



*A Note from
our Mission Parish,
Notre Dame
de la Mer,
in Haiti*

Fr. Claude Gilbert sends thanks, on behalf of his parish, for the generosity of the People of St. Patrick's. He shared a few pictures from their Christmas and New Years Celebrations.



St. Vincent de Paul Free Pickup of Donations

The society of St. Vincent de Paul of Worcester County is now offering free curbside pick-up of clothing, shoes, books and household items. To schedule a free home pick-up, visit svdpworchester.org and click on "How You Can Help" tab, then "Schedule a Home Pick-Up." Or contact our partner (CMRK) at 508-474-8966. The funds received go to help our neighbors in need with services including food, clothing, rent and utilities.



THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

FEBRUARY 2ND

*FROM THE COLLECT PRAYER
READINGS ON USCCB WEBSITE*

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord:

Almighty ever-living God, we humbly implore your majesty that, just as your Only Begotten Son was presented on this day in the Temple in the substance of our flesh, so, by your grace, we may be presented to you with minds made pure. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

pray
for
peace



A Message from Fr. Jim



Dear Friends,

With our pilgrimage to Holy Land on hold until further notice, I have been invited to be the chaplain on a **pilgrimage to Italy** with Dan and Stephanie Burke of Avila Foundation (includes spiritualdirection.com, the Avila Institute, and the Apostoli Viae community).

If you would like to join in May 13 - 23, 2024 or would like more information, please click the link below:

<https://www.canterburypilgrimages.com/tour/italy-pilgrimage-with-dan-stephanie-burke/>

Space is limited and it is already over half way sold out. Praying you can join us!

God Bless, *Fr. Jim*

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!

Light of the World (LOTW) Parish Retreat
March 8-11, 2024

Come, grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ.

To learn more, 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
February	
Thursday, February 8, 2024	6:00 - 7:30 PM
Saturday, February 24, 2024	9:00 - 10:30 AM

Our January Wish List:

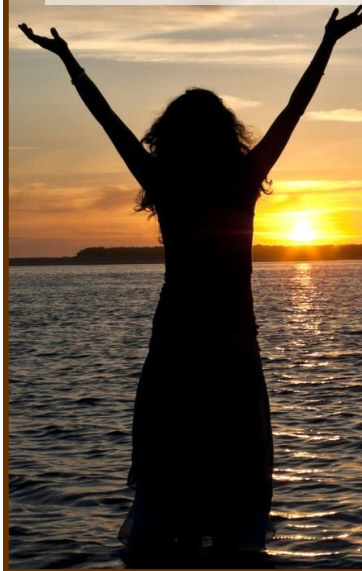
- SOUP – We need SOUP – LOTS OF SOUP!
- Cereal (our shelves are empty!) - Hot & Cold Needed
- Boxed and Canned potatoes
- Hamburger Helper, Pasta Sides
- Coffee & Tea (Decaf and Regular) – Cocoa
- Rice: Rice Pilaf, Chicken & Beef Flavored
- Pasta Sauce: Family size plastic jars and cans
- Jelly

Only Non-perishable, non-expired, unopened food donations can be accepted.

Thank you for your continued support.

January 28, 2024 | 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"Brothers and sisters: I should like you
to be free of anxieties."* 1 Corinthians 7:32

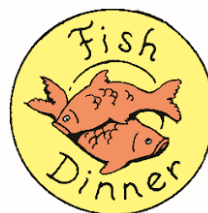


How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more things? God won't necessarily give you everything you want, but He will provide everything you need. Try this – use the word "pray" instead of the word "worry" in the future. Then spend your time praying instead of worrying.



Knights of
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**"Knight's
Corner"**



Save the Date!

Fish Dinner

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Friday, March 1.

See future bulletins for more details.

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