

St. Patrick Parish

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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.

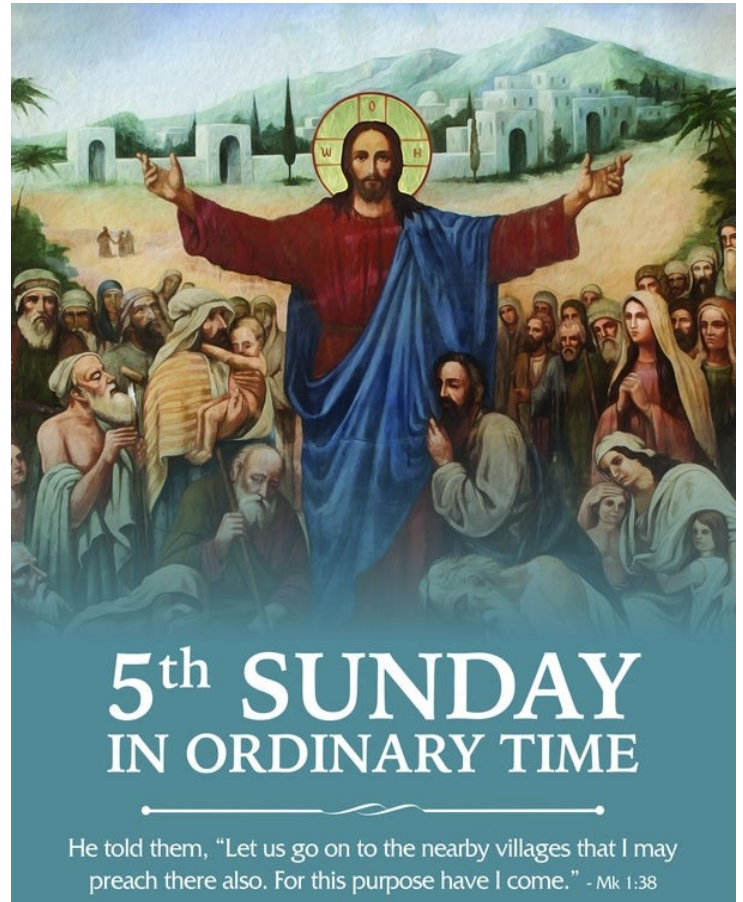
NEW PARISHIONERS: Welcome! We hope that you will become an active part of our parish family. Please introduce yourselves at your first opportunity, or call the Parish Center to register.

PRAYER REQUEST LINE: Call with your requests.

Paula Stidsen 774-696-3008

Or email: PaulaStidsen@gmail.com

February 4, 2024



*Please Pray For the
Repose of the Soul of
✙ Olive M. Grenier*

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, 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

Monday, February 5:

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

Tuesday, February 6:

8:00 am Anna Marie Nelson
Requested by the Family

Wednesday, February 7:

8:00 am All Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, February 10:

5:00 pm Alyce S. Sweeney, 10th Anniversary
Requested by the Sweeney Family

Sunday, February 11: 8 am Livestreamed Mass

8:00 am Pauline Piscitelli
Requested by Gail & Peter Totas

10:30 am (*Living Intention)
Orczyk Family & healing of Shana Sissel
Requested by the Flynnns

Event Calendar



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 6: Divine Mercy Chaplet, After the **8 am** Mass.

February 6: Scripture Study & Faith Sharing, 9 am, in the Church Hall following the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

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 16: Stations of the Cross, 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, Time to sign-up. See today's bulletin for more details.

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

March 24: Palm Sunday

March 28: Triduum Begins

January 28 , 2024

Mass/Mailed in/Electronic Collections

Weekly Offering	\$ 3,744.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 1,425.80
Higher Utilities	\$ 130.00
Mary, Mother of God	\$ 50.00
	\$ 5,349.80

Special Collections:

Catholic University	\$ 20.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$ 20.00

Thank you!



February 14th

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WEDNESDAY

Masses with distribution of Ashes

8:00 am

7:00 pm

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2023 Contribution Tax Statements



Statements for Weekly Envelope Offerings are available upon request.

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,

As we approach Lent, I can't help but remember how often scripture says that Jesus withdraws to pray to the Father. That quiet space to pray is becoming more and more difficult to enter into because of the ongoing demands on our time. But what if we began to prioritize that time? Do you think it could have great benefits to us? This is my hope, and 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. Read on below about this gift of quiet solitude with God, and I pray you'll join us starting on the 13th.

"Jesus wanted his disciples to learn by his example, especially in how he prayed.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church highlights the way Jesus would pray in solitude:

Jesus often draws apart to pray in solitude, on a mountain, preferably at night.

He includes all men in his prayer, for he has taken on humanity in his incarnation, and he offers them to the Father when he offers himself. Jesus, the Word who has become flesh, shares by his human prayer in all that "his brethren" experience; he sympathizes with their weaknesses in order to free them. It was for this that the Father sent him. His words and works are the visible manifestation of his prayer in secret.
CCC 2602

His disciples would often see Jesus praying alone and then ask him how to pray:

*"He was praying in a certain place and when he had ceased, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray.'" "In seeing **the Master at prayer the disciple of Christ also wants to pray. By contemplating and hearing the Son, the master of prayer, the children learn to pray to the Father.***
CCC 2601

While Jesus would also pray in the company of his disciples, he did not only pray in common with other people.

He prayed with people and by himself, setting an example for us to follow.

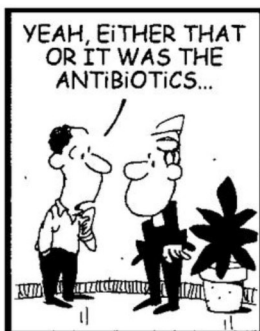
*In order to imitate Jesus' pray life, we need to incorporate both **prayer in solitude as well as prayer in community.** We cannot neglect either types of prayer.*

*Take a moment to examine your own prayer life and how often you pray in solitude."**

God Bless,

Fr. Jim

*- <https://aleteia.org/2024/01/25/jesus-set-an-example-by-frequently-praying-in-solitude/>



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

DO SOMETHING THAT WILL **CHANGE YOUR LIFE**



Light of the World
PARISH RETREAT

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

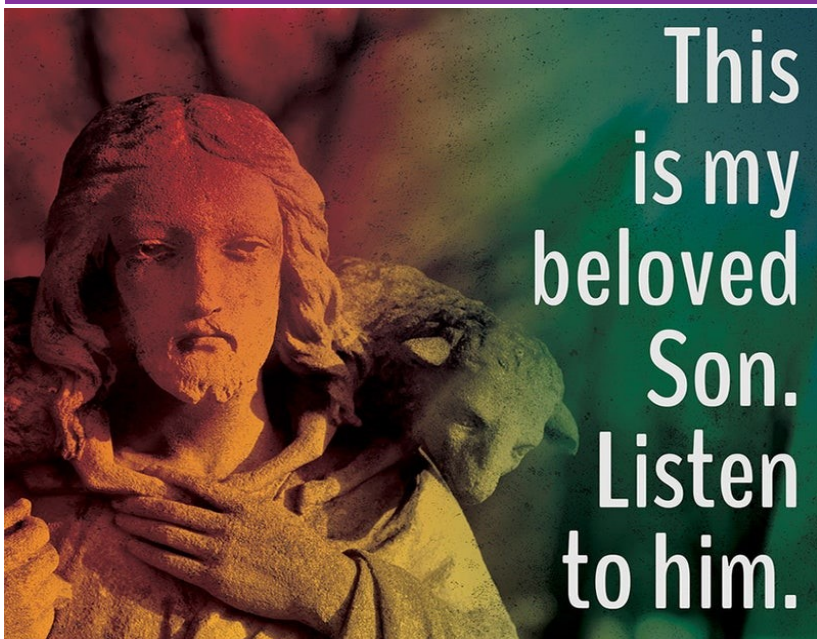
Registration is now OPEN!

4 Ways to Sign up:

- ☐ At the doors of the church
- ☐ On-line at: stpatricksrutland.org/lotw
- ☐ Call the Parish Office: 508-886-4984
- ☐ Pick up a brochure in the pews or at the doors of the church. Return the registration form in the collection basket.

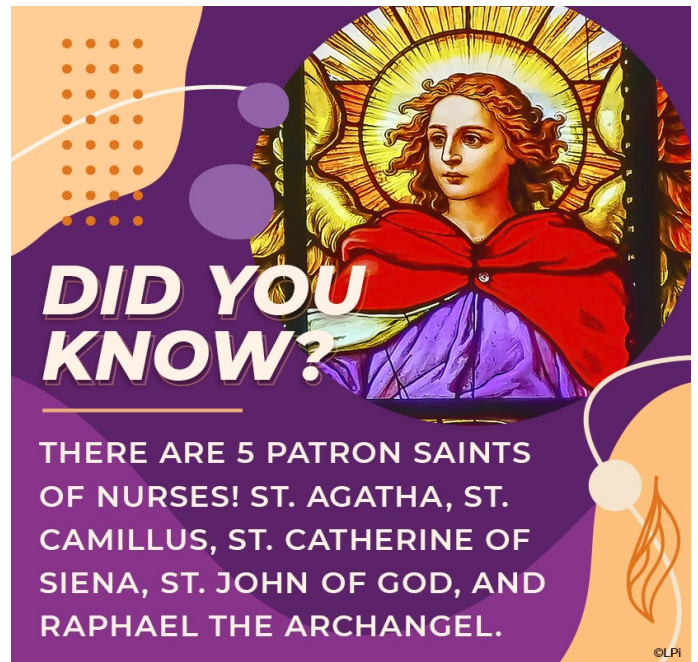
See the Brochure for more details about the retreat.
Come, grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ.

For questions, contact Chris Hayes or Brenda Nordquist .
cbag14@charter.net | 508-735-2429
brenda.nordquist@gmail.com | 413-233-8464



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.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAYS IN LENT AT 7 PM

FEBRUARY 16 and 23

MARCH 1 and 8

MARCH 15 - Living Stations

MARCH 22

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29 at 3 PM



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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](tel:(508)277-4827).



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Questions? Contact Tim Messenger at tmessenger@worcesterdiocese.org

A Message from Fr. Jim

Filling up quickly, don't delay



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*



"Jesus went away to a secluded place and prayed." If you are seeking greater simplicity of life and a closer following of the Lord in prayer and action, consider that He may be calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (508) 630-4473 or via email: dinfante@saintpaulknig...



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:

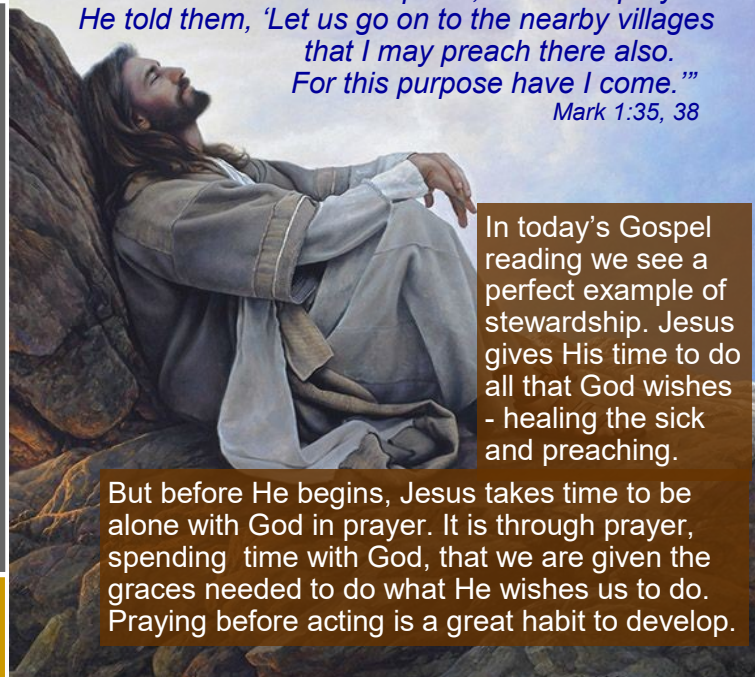
- SOUP – We need SOUP – LOTS OF SOUP!
- Cereal (our shelves are empty!) - Hot & Cold Needed
- Boxed and Canned potatoes
- Hamburger Helper, Pasta Sides
- Coffee & Tea (Decaf and Regular) – Cocoa
- Rice: Rice Pilaf, Chicken & Beef Flavored
- Pasta Sauce: Family size plastic jars and cans
- Jelly

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

Thank you for your continued support.

February 4, 2024 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed... He told them, 'Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.'"
Mark 1:35, 38



In today's Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes - healing the sick and preaching.

But before He begins, Jesus takes time to be alone with God in prayer. It is through prayer, spending time with God, that we are given the graces needed to do what He wishes us to do. Praying before acting is a great habit to develop.

Position Available

Part-time Parish Secretary in Paxton

St. Columba Parish in Paxton has a Parish Secretarial position available for **Tuesdays from 9 am to Noon**. Duties include: Answering telephone, checking email, greeting visitors, data entry, typing letters and other duty as required. If interested, contact Father Steve at pastor@stcolumbapax.or... or (508) 755-0408.



**Knights of
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Friday, March 1.

See future bulletins for more details.



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