

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.

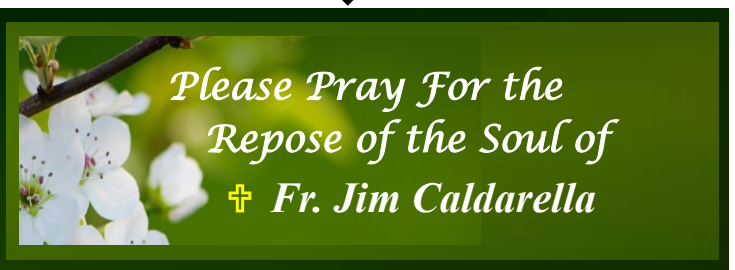
NEW PARISHIONERS: Welcome! We hope that you will become an active part of our parish family. Please introduce yourselves at your first opportunity, or call the Parish Center to register.

PRAYER REQUEST LINE: Call with your requests.

Paula Stidsen 774-696-3008

Or email: PaulaStidsen@gmail.com

February 11, 2024



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)

A NOTE ABOUT WEEKDAY MASSES: In the event of a school delay due to inclement weather, Mass will be delayed by the same amount of time that day. Example: if school is delayed by 2 hours, Mass will be delayed by 2 hours. In the event of school closure, Mass will depend on road conditions. Please sign up for "Flock Note" on the parish website and you will be notified.

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)
For Orczyk Family & healing of Shana Sissel
Requested by the Flynns

Monday, February 12:

8:00 am (*Living Intention) Healing of Mary Ellen Putnam
Requested by her sister Fran

Tuesday, February 13:

8:00 am Fr. Jim Caldarella
Requested by Fran Glockner

Wednesday, February 14: **Ash Wednesday**

8:00 am (*Living Intention) In thanksgiving for
Regina Grace's 2nd Birthday
Requested by the Gil Family

7:00 pm The People of St. Patrick's

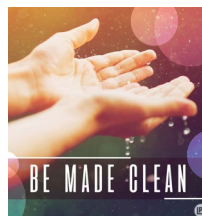
Saturday, February 17:

5:00 pm Fr. Jim Kerrigan, 11th Anniversary
Requested by the Stidsen Family

Sunday, February 18: 8 am Livestreamed Mass

8:00 am Tammy Murphy
Requested by Gail & Peter Totas

10:30 am Kevin McCann, 1year Anniversary
Requested by the Family



Event Calendar

February 13: Divine Mercy Chaplet,
After the 8 am Mass.

February 13: Scripture Study & Faith Sharing, 9 am, in the Church Hall

following the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

February 13: Into the Deep Series Begins, 7 pm,
Parish Center. Future dates: 2/20, 2/27, 3/5, 3/12.

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.
5-7 pm, Dine-in or take-out! **ORDER BY FEB. 26th!**

March 2: Rosary following the 10:30 am Mass (First Sunday of every month) Please join us.

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

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

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

March 31: Easter Sunday

February 4, 2024

Mass/Mailed in/Electronic Collections

Weekly Offering	\$ 4,128.25
Electronic Giving	\$ 1,731.60
Higher Utilities	\$ 125.00
Christmas Offering	\$ 100.00
Mary, Mother of God	\$ 120.00
	\$ 6,204.85

Special Collections:

Catholic Home Missions \$200.00

Church in Latin America \$ 75.00

Thank you!



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,

With only a few days before Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent, I invite everyone to take a more profound journey into their faith through the series *Into the Deep*. Starting Tuesday at 7pm in the Parish Center, we'll speak of removing the obstacles that impede our journey and bring our hearts to deeper conversion. This conversion of heart is critical to taking deeper steps in our encounter with God. This is one of the reasons I focus on prayer so much because once one encounters the Lord in that real way that only prayer can facilitate, everything else flows from it. Read on to see what the Church speaks of regarding conversion of heart:

"One of the most important aspects of prayer is an interior conversion of heart. Jesus himself stressed this idea to his disciples on multiple occasions.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church summarizes this teaching in its section on prayer:

*From the Sermon on the Mount onwards, Jesus insists on **conversion of heart: reconciliation with one's brother before presenting an offering on the altar, love of enemies, and prayer for persecutors, prayer to the Father in secret, not heaping up empty phrases, prayerful forgiveness from the depths of the heart, purity of heart, and seeking the Kingdom before all else. This filial conversion is entirely directed to the Father.***

CCC 2608

One of the clearest examples of this teaching is found in the Gospel of Matthew:

*So if you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; **first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.***

Matthew 5:23-24

Jesus spoke repeatedly against those who would pray like hypocrites, focusing on the exterior signs of prayer, **without looking interiorly.**

The *Catechism* continues by saying how interior conversion opens us up to faith:

***Once committed to conversion, the heart learns to pray in faith.** Faith is a filial adherence to God beyond what we feel and understand. It is possible because the beloved Son gives us access to the Father. He can ask us to "seek" and to "knock," since he himself is the door and the way.*

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*The next time you pray, pause a minute and think about the state of your own soul and what needs conversion. "**

God Bless,

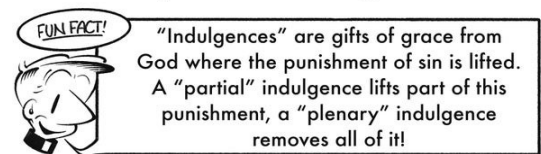
Fr. Jim

*- <https://aleteia.org/2024/02/01/jesus-stressed-that-interior-conversion-is-essential-to-prayer/>

"What is it called when a bishop eats half of a donut?"



"... A partial indulgence!"



GOLD

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



STORING THE ALLELUIA

This weekend during Mass, we will do a short ceremony to highlight the last singing of the Alleluia before the start of Lent. This reinforces the Church's custom of not speaking or singing the word "Alleluia" during Lent because it is considered an Easter word. By not using it for forty days, perhaps we will come to appreciate more just how joyful this acclamation is.



Knights of Columbus

Mark your calendars for the next *"Healthy Baked"*

LENTEN FISH SUPPER

Proceeds go to the "NEW" Scholarship for graduating Parish High School Seniors.

Dine-In or Take-out (Please specify)

March 1, 2024

Baked Fish Dinners – Donations

Baked Fish, Baked Potato, Coleslaw (Gluten Free option available upon request)
(\$15/dinner)

Macaroni & Cheese Dinners – Donations

(Macaroni & Cheese, Coleslaw)
(\$7/dinner)

Reserve your dinners by February 26th at: turgeodj@gmail.com

or call the Parish Office at 508-886-4984.

Dine-In or Pick-up dinners March 1st between 5 PM and 7 PM at Parish Center

(Cash, Checks and Venmo Accepted for payment)



Robert Thompson
@kofcstpatricks16001

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

WHY DO CATHOLIC WOMEN WEAR VEILS AT MASS?

For an brief overview,
pick up a brochure at the
entrances of the church.
More information may be
found on many Catholic Websites.



Thank you to a parishioner who donated the information cards!

LOVE

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*Please Pray For the
Repose of the Soul of*

✠ *Michael J. Roy*

Funeral arrangements in process
with O'Connor Brothers Funeral Home



TABERNACLE LAMP

Fr. Jim Kerrigan

February 11 - February 17, 2024



**Our Lady
of Lourdes**
February 11



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Jesus came to us;
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we should go
to Him."*

—St. Louis de Montfort



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Questions? Contact Tim Messenger at tmessenger@worcesterdiocese.org

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and become a better man.

To find out more... Please reach out to
Adam Richards at adam.richards1316@gmail.com.

A Message from Fr. Jim
**Filling up quickly,
 don't delay**



Dear Friends,

If you would like to join in May 13 - 23, 2024 or would like more information, please click the link :
<https://www.canterburypilgrimages.com/tour/italy-pilgrimage-with-dan-stephanie-burke/>

Praying you can join us!

God Bless, *Fr. Jim*

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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Rutland Food Pantry

Distribution Dates

Date	Time
February	
Saturday, February 24, 2024	9:00 - 10:30 AM
March	
Thursday, March 7, 2024	6:00 - 7:30 PM
Saturday, March 23, 2024	9:00 - 10:30 AM

Our February Wish List:

- SOUP – *We still need LOTS OF SOUP!*
- Cereal: Hot and Cold (Low Sugar also needed)
- Potato Products
- Hamburger Helper, Pasta Sides
- Baked Beans
- Juice
- Coffee & Tea (Decaf and Regular) – Cocoa
- Rice: Rice Pilaf, Chicken & Beef Flavored
- Canned Meat: Chicken, Ham, and Tuna (LOW SALT is also needed)
- Pasta Sauce: Family size plastic jars and cans
- Snacks: Cookies, fruit bars or any snacks for kids

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

Thank you for all your continued kindness and support of the Rutland Food Pantry.

February 11, 2024 **6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

***"Brothers and sisters,
 whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do,
 do everything for the glory of God."***

1 Corinthians 10:31

Do a quick check of your priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If He's not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps us from putting other "gods" (like our pride, ego, money and possessions) before God. Before making a decision, ask yourself, "I'm I going this for the glory of God or for the glory of me?"

Pilgrimage to
 Fatima & Lourdes
 Discovery with
 Barcelona

October 13 to
 October 22, 2024



Join Fr. Stephen Gemme of St. Paul Cathedral.
 For 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. 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 svdpworcester.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.

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