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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.

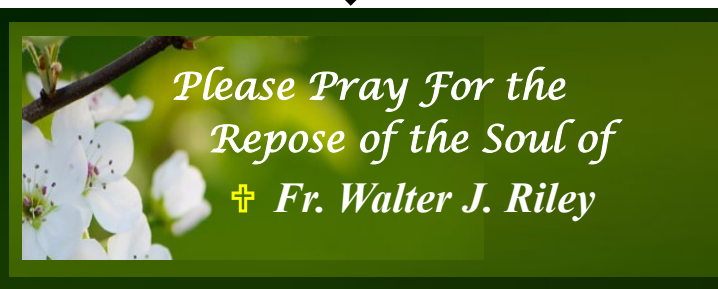
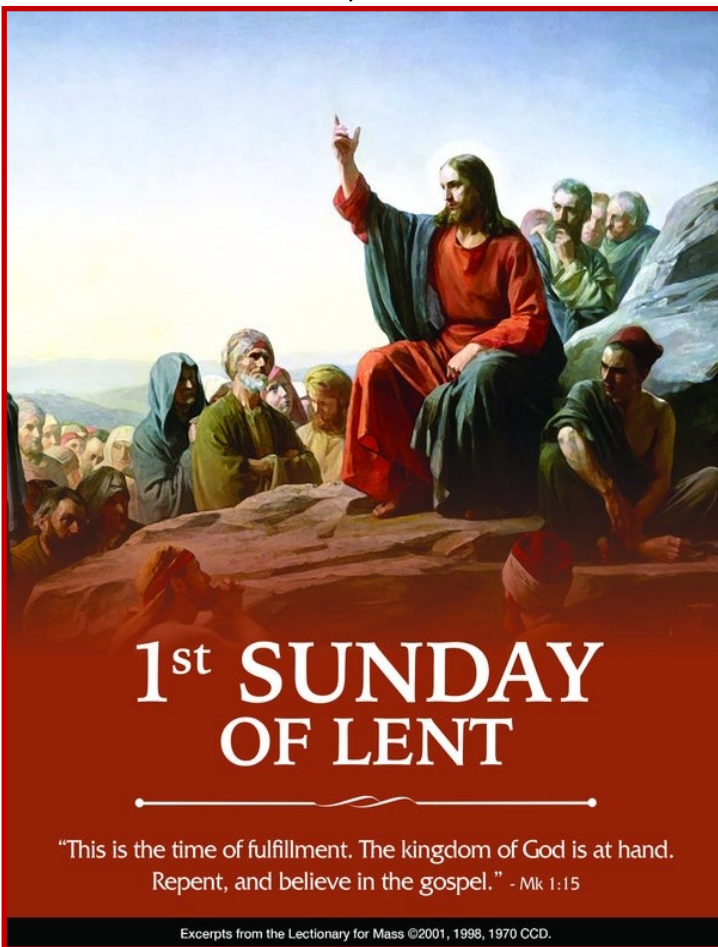
NEW PARISHIONERS: Welcome! We hope that you will become an active part of our parish family. Please introduce yourselves at your first opportunity, or call the Parish Center to register.

PRAYER REQUEST LINE: Call with your requests.

Paula Stidsen 774-696-3008

Or email: PaulaStidsen@gmail.com

February 18, 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 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

Monday, February 19:

8:00 am Walter J. Lucier
Requested by the Family

Tuesday, February 20:

8:00 am MaryAnn Persson
Requested by her Husband

Wednesday, February 21:

8:00 am Camela Rose Luca
Requested by Joe Luca

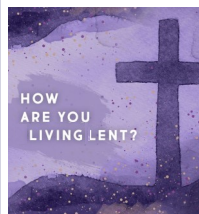
Saturday, February 24:

5:00 pm Ronald Lemoine, 10th Anniversary
Requested by the Lemoine Family

Sunday, February 25: 8 am Livestreamed Mass

8:00 am Donald Trottier
Requested by the Family

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



Event Calendar

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

February 20: Divine Mercy Chaplet,
After the 8 am Mass.

February 20: Scripture Study & Faith Sharing, 9 am,
in the Church Hall following the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

February 20: Into the Deep Series Begins, 7 pm,
Parish Center. Note: new start date, due to inclement weather. Future dates: 2/27, 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 4/1.

February 23: Stations of the Cross, 7 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 11 , 2024

Mass/Mailed in/Electronic Collections

Weekly Offering	\$ 2,798.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 1,421.80
Higher Utilities	\$ 492.00
	\$ 4,711.80

Special Collections:

Catholic Home Missions \$ 75.00

Church in Latin America \$ 20.00

Thank you!



TABERNACLE LAMP

MaryAnn Persson

February 4 - February 10, 2024



The above Tabernacle Lamp posting was not
presented in the February 4th bulletin.
We regret the omission.



TABERNACLE LAMP

Patricia Noyce

February 18 - February 24, 2024



A Message from our Pastor

Dear Friends,

As we begin Lent, St. John Paul II calls this “a time of truth.” We’re so busy that we take little to no time to slow down and take stock of where we are in our lives: where we are going and where we’ve been as of late. To be clear, Jesus Christ loves you exactly how you are and where you are, *AND* He loves you so much *that he doesn’t want to leave you there*. From the moment you were conceived, God *knew you*. He knows exactly who you are meant to be and where you are in the journey to become that person in cooperation with Him. We take so much advice from all others around us, speaking to who they think we are. And yet, there is only one who truly knows *who we really are*. The more we begin to move forward in trust and surrender to His Will, allowing Him to take the parts of us not bearing fruit and prune the parts that are (see John 15:2), the more our lives will begin to find the meaning they’ve always had in the eyes of the One who created us. I pray this Lent will be a season of coming to know the unfathomable love God has for you.

“Lent is a time in the Church’s calendar when we can step back and recognize the truth about who we are and where we have fallen short of God’s plan for our lives.

St. John Paul II reflects on this aspect of Lent in his 1981 message:

Lent is a time of profound truth, which brings conversion, restores hope and, by putting everything back in its proper place, brings peace and optimism.

In particular, St. John Paul II recognizes Lent as a time to examine our relationship with God:

Lent is a time that makes us think about our relationship with “Our Father”; it re-establishes the order that should reign between brothers and sisters. Lent is a time that makes us jointly responsible for one another; it detaches us from our selfishness, small-mindedness, meanness and pride; it is a time that enlightens us and makes us understand better that we too, like Christ, must serve.

St. John Paul II continues this reflection by posing questions for all of us to consider during Lent:

*Yes, Lent is a time of truth. Let us examine ourselves sincerely, honestly and simply. Our brothers and sisters are there among the poor, the sick, the outcast, the aged. **What sort of love do we have? What sort of truth?***

So open your minds to look around you, open your hearts to understand and sympathize, open your hands to help. The needs are vast, as you know. I therefore urge you to take a generous part in this sharing.

*As we embrace the season of Lent, may we examine our own lives and see how we have lived according to the truth of the Gospel.”**

God Bless, *Fr. Jim*

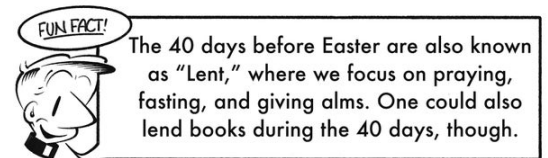
*- <https://aleteia.org/2024/02/08/how-lent-is-a-time-of-truth/>



“Why couldn’t the grandma find her prayer book?”



“She forgot it was Lent.”



FUN FACT! The 40 days before Easter are also known as “Lent,” where we focus on praying, fasting, and giving alms. One could also lend books during the 40 days, though.

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



DIOCESE OF WORCESTER GUIDELINES FOR FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Lenten fast and abstinence regulations for the Diocese of Worcester are as follows: Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics fourteen (14) years of age and older on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent. Fasting is to be observed by all Catholics who are eighteen (18) years of age but not yet fifty-nine (59) years of age on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Catholic Men's Conference 2024

We are a month away; come and be inspired by our great speakers: Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, Michael Nicholson, Msgr. Thomas Sullivan and Jim Wahlberg. Enjoy the opportunity to experience a variety of vendors and information booths, plus the celebration of the Eucharist with Bishop Robert McManus and the sacrament of reconciliation. All of this on **Saturday, March 16 at the DCU Center in Worcester.** Details at catholicmenworc.com.



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



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 15, 2024

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

For more than a half century, the Collection for the Church in Latin America has been a sign of the solidarity of the Church in the United States with the Church in Latin America and the Caribbean.

The countries of South America have diverse populations from Indigenous, African, European, and Asian ancestries, all with different cultural experiences. By welcoming and understanding people from so many backgrounds, the Church grows and continues its mission of making disciples of all peoples. In Brazil, the Brazilian Bishops' Conference organized visits and meetings to engage Afro-Brazilian Catholic leaders in discussing a variety of themes, including social pastoral ministry and the vision of Pope Francis. In Peru, missionaries working in the Peruvian Amazon bring the Gospel to the Ashaninka and Matsigenka communities of about 60,000 people.

Such encounters and engagement with the peoples of South America are made possible when Catholics in our diocese are generous to the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Your participation in the collection truly becomes a way to share your faith and support evangelization efforts among all peoples.

A significant portion of this collection is also used to assist in the ongoing efforts of our local Diocesan Hispanic Ministry, which serves the large number of Hispanic and Latino Catholics who are now in the Diocese of Worcester. It is gratifying to see the life of faith flourishing in these parish communities as their faith life enriches us all.

I encourage you to respond to the national theme to "Share your Faith" by supporting the special Collection for the Church in Latin America on the weekend of February 25. Please be assured of my appreciation for your generous response.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester

Pilgrimage to Italy

Filling up quickly, don't delay



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*

February 18, 2024 | 1st Sunday of Lent

*After John had been arrested,
Jesus came to Galilee
proclaiming the gospel of God.*

Mark 1:14



Have you ever thought about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to go to Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that He was proclaiming? It took great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, living a stewardship lifestyle takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God trusting that He will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAYS IN LENT AT 7 PM

FEBRUARY 23

MARCH 1 and 8

MARCH 15 - Living Stations

MARCH 22

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29 at 3 PM



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Jesus gave us the second greatest commandment:
Love your neighbor as yourself. Matt: 22:39

We invite our Parish Community to join our students in Religious Education, and their families, in Lenten projects that teach us to care for and love our neighbors, as Jesus commanded us.

Lent is a 40-day season of prayer, fasting (abstaining from something to reduce distractions and focus more on God) and giving. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the LORD's Resurrection at Easter.

Our students will have specific projects for prayer and fasting each week in Lent. The students will learn about each organization during class and will join in praying the Stations of the Cross, remembering the LORD's passion. We hope our prayer and these small individual acts of caring teach us the meaning of "loving our neighbors" as Jesus intended.

We invite all our parish community to join in the fun.

Week beginning February 25: Cards for the Elderly – seeking a small act of kindness



Over February vacation, the students will design and create a special card which we will deliver to the Rutland Senior Center, Holden Rehabilitation &

Skilled Nursing Center and St. Patrick's homebound parishioners.

To join this project: Drop a card in the collection basket, no later than March 3rd.

Week beginning March 3rd: Supporting those in Need: Jeremiah's Inn & Veterans Shelter

To join this project: Drop your donation at the entrances to the Church

Donations:

- ☐ New Men's Socks
- ☐ Men's Toiletries



Jeremiah's Inn

Helping people through our social model recovery program and nutrition center.



Week beginning March 10: Urban Missionaries – Easter Baskets for Children

To join this project: Drop your donation at the entrances to the Church.



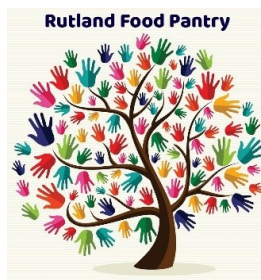
Donations:

- ☐ Easter baskets
- ☐ Colored Easter grass
- ☐ Candy (individually wrapped)
- ☐ Small toys, games, books

The students will assemble the Easter baskets during class time the following week.

Week beginning March 24: Rutland Food Pantry – Operation Snack Bags for April vacation week

To join this project: Drop your donation at the side entrance to the Church.



Donations of single serve snacks, for example:

- ☐ Bags of applesauce
- ☐ Individual cups of fruit
- ☐ Individual cups of pudding
- ☐ Cookies
- ☐ Crackers
- ☐ Other individual size snacks

Week beginning April 1st through the 7th: Visitation House

To join this project: Drop your donation at the entrances to the Church.



Donations:

- ☐ Diapers: Size 2 and 3
- ☐ Unscented baby wipes
- ☐ Baby Bottles
- ☐ New baby clothes: Newborn to 6-months
- ☐ Cleaning supplies (paper towels, Lysol, Clorox wipes, etc.)

Watch the bulletin for Project Updates!

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