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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 25, 2024



2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. - Mk 9:2-3

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**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)

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. 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 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

Monday, February 26:

8:00 am (*Living Intention) Thanksgiving for
Elizabeth Therese's 1st Birthday
Requested by the Gil Family

Tuesday, February 27:

8:00 am Frances B. Katinas
Requested by Cindy Katinas

Wednesday, February 28:

8:00 am Albert Rodrique
Requested by Dave & Connie Bunker

Saturday, March 2:

5:00 pm Greg Stidsen, 6th Anniversary
Requested by the Stidsen Family

Sunday, March 3: 8 am Livestreamed Mass

8:00 am Fr. Walter J. Riley
Requested by the Parish

10:30 am Theresa Fonseca
Requested by Susan Lopez



Event Calendar

February 26: Confessions, 6 pm

February 26: Fish Dinner Orders for March 1st are due today.

February 27: Divine Mercy Chaplet, After the 8 am Mass.

February 27: Scripture Study & Faith Sharing, 9 am,
in the Church Hall following the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

February 27: Into the Deep, 7 pm, Parish Center.
Future dates: 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 4/1.

March 1: Fish Dinner by the Knights of Columbus.
5-7 pm, Dine-in or take-out! ORDER BY FEB. 26th!

March 1: Stations of the Cross, 7 pm

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



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

MONDAYS

Feb 26
March 4, 11, 18, 25
6 pm - 7:30 pm

SATURDAYS

March 2, 9, 16, 23
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

TABERNACLE LAMP

Greg Stidsen
6th Anniversary

February 25 - March 24 2024

February 18, 2024

Mass/Mailed in/Electronic Collections

Weekly Offering	\$ 2,595.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 2,281.00
Higher Utilities	\$ 120.00
Easter Offering	\$ 10.00
	\$ 5,006.00

Special Collections:

Ash Wednesday Offering \$831.00
Church in Latin America \$ 15.00



A Message from our Pastor

Dear Friends,

When we think of the word "Detachment," it's not usually with fondness. When we say someone seems detached, it implies a lack of presence or having our attention elsewhere. Where we find ourselves detached in one area, we can be quite attached in another.

I mention this because, in our current day, we've become attached to many things in the world. Relationships with God and one another take a back seat because of something we perceive we have to do, and our life balance gets thrown off. For example, if you've ever looked at your phone's 'screen time' function (which may differ on an Android operating system), you can see how often you use it and on what. There are some critical functions for work or various family needs where technology helps us. But we're also presented with apps *designed to keep us using them*.

A recent addition to our culture's lexicon is the word "Doomscrolling" – a term that means we get on one of these social media apps or the like, we tend to scroll *and scroll and scroll and scroll*... Soon enough, a quick check on turns into us falling down the rabbit hole, and we've wasted a ton of time. For Lent, I've put measures on my phone that should I click one of these time-wasting apps, another app activates immediately, making me wait 10+ seconds before saying, "Now, are you sure you want to open this app?" This is helping with fostering a spirit of detachment so that these apps don't run me, but I run them.

St. John Paul II also had something to say about this season of Lent being one of detachment. Whether it's something technology-related or something else that's become greatly imbalanced, let us use this season of preparation to open up space in our interior for God and one another.

"Lent is a unique time in the Church's calendar that focuses on detachment from the things of this world. As Jesus went into the desert to pray, so do we go into the desert to reflect on our lives and the state of our souls.

In particular, St. John Paul II commented in his message for Lent in 1980 on how Lent is a time to examine the "treasures" of our lives:

*The spirit of penance and its practice impel us to **detach ourselves** sincerely from our unnecessary possessions, and even sometimes from our necessary ones, which prevent us from really "being" as God wishes us to be: **"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also"**. Is our heart attached to material wealth, to power over others, to subtle ways of dominating? If so, we need Christ, the Easter Liberator, who, if we wish him to, can free us of all the bonds of sin that hold us fast.*

St. John Paul II then continues by challenging us not only to identify the false treasures we cling to, but also to get rid of them:

*Let us prepare to allow ourselves to be enriched by the grace of the Resurrection, **by ridding ourselves of all false treasures**: the material goods that we do not need are often the very conditions for the survival of millions of human beings. Also, in addition to their bare subsistence, hundreds of millions of people are waiting for us to help them to give themselves the necessary means both for their own full human advancement and for the economic and cultural development of their countries.*

In this way, we can purify our hearts through detachment and charity. We can give away our treasures so that others may prosper.

*As we enter into Lent, may we ask ourselves what we truly treasure in life and try to rid ourselves of anything that might take us away from God."**

God Bless,

Fr. Jim

*- <https://aleteia.org/2024/02/07/lent-challenges-us-to-question-what-we-treasure-in-life/>

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

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.

**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

February 25, 2024 | 2nd Sunday of Lent

"Here I am!" he answered. Genesis 22:11

It is easy to say, "Here I am, Lord,"
when we are kneeling in church.
But how easy is it to say "Here I am, Lord,"
when a neighbor needs our help,
or when we are invited to join a parish ministry,
or when we are asked for financial support?
Often times we are called when it's not convenient
for us. Discipleship is not easy, most of the time
it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

Catholic Men's Conference 2024

We are less than 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
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.



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, each student 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.



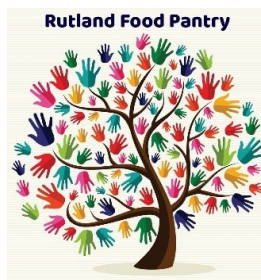
Donations:

- ☐ 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: 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 (Lysol, paper towels, Clorox wipes, etc.)

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