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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

March 24, 2024



SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it. And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. - Mk 11:7-8

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD

TABERNACLE LAMP

The People of St. Patrick's

March 24 - March 30, 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).



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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, March 23:

5:00 pm Albert Rodrique

Requested by Mary Galli

Sunday, March 24: 8 am Livestreamed Mass

8:00 am Frank Catalfamo

Requested by Kathy Catalfamo & Family

10:30 am Deceased Members of the Allen Family

Requested by Susan Lopez

Monday, March 25:

8:00 am Anna Marie Nelson

Requested by the Family

Tuesday, March 26:

8:00 am Madeline Drezek, 1st Anniversary

Requested by her husband, Jim

Wednesday, March 27:

8:00 am Thomas F. Donoghue, 1st Anniversary

Requested by Cindy Katinas

HOLY THURSDAY, March 28:

8:00 am Morning Prayer

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

9:30 pm Night Prayer

GOOD FRIDAY, March 29:

8:00 am Morning Prayer

3:00 pm Stations of the Cross

7:00 pm The Passion of the Lord

HOLY SATURDAY, March 30:

8:00 am Morning Prayer

EASTER VIGIL, March 30:

7:30 pm Easter Vigil Mass

EASTER SUNDAY, March 31:

8:00 am Mass

10:30 am Mass



Event Calendar

March 25: Confessions, 6 pm

March 26: Divine Mercy Chaplet, After 8 am Mass.

March 26: Scripture Study & Faith Sharing, 9 am, in the Church Hall following the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

April 1: Into the Deep, 7 pm, Parish Center. Please note this is a Monday.

Triduum Begins

(Please refer to Holy Week Schedule in this Bulletin)

March 28: Holy Thursday

March 29: Good Friday

March 30: Holy Saturday / Easter Vigil

March 31: Easter Sunday

April 7: Rosary following the **10:30 am** Mass (First Sunday of every month) Please join us.

April 12: Holy Hour to Pray for Priests, 7-8 pm, Immaculate Conception Church, 353 Grove St., Worc. Every second Friday of the month.

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Weekly Offering	\$ 2,291.00
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Higher Utilities	\$ 55.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 381.00
	\$ 4,858.00

Special Collections:

Catholic Relief Services	\$220
Holy Land, Good Friday	\$ 20



A Message from our Pastor

Dear Friends,

As we begin Holy Week with Palm Sunday, I'm reminded of the article I shared with you last year about a probable timeline of what Holy Week looks like, as told by Msgr. Charles Pope. It struck me so much last year that I thought it would be good to revisit it to help us enter the depth and mystery of this time, where Jesus went from being welcomed triumphantly on this day to being crucified on Good Friday, only to rise Easter Sunday. Please remember: as stated in the article, this an attempt to layout a **likely, but not certain** chronology, as there are issues that Msgr. Pope lays out in doing this. Nevertheless, this will give an idea of how Holy Week builds towards the Holy Triduum and Our Lord's Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

"Palm Sunday: *Our celebration of Holy Week begins this Sunday as we remember and make present the triumphal entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem to begin his final week and initiate his Passion. All four Gospels recount this triumphant entry that Sunday Morning so long ago, but made present to us today. As you receive your palms, consider that you are part of that vast crowd. How will you journey with Jesus this week? Let the palm remind you to praise him with your prayerful presence during the sacred Triduum. According to Mark 11:11 Jesus returned that evening to Bethany, a suburb of Jerusalem. Perhaps he stayed with his friends Martha, Mary and Lazarus. Pray with Jesus this evening as he considers the difficult days ahead of him.*

Monday of Holy Week: *According to Matthew 21, Mark 11 and Luke 19, Jesus returns to Jerusalem today and, seeing shameful practices in the Temple area, he cleanses the Temple. John's Gospel also records that he rebuked the unbelief of the crowds. Mark 11:19 records that he returned to Bethany that night. Pray with Jesus as he is zealous to purify us.*

Tuesday of Holy Week: *According to Matthew, Mark and Luke, Jesus again returns to Jerusalem where he is confronted by the Temple leadership for what he did yesterday. They question his authority. He also teaches extensively using parables and other forms. There is the parable of the vineyard (cf Mt 21:33-46), the parable of the wedding banquet, (cf Mt. 22:1). There is also the teaching on paying taxes (cf Mt 22:15) and the rebuke of the Sadducees who deny the resurrection (cf Mt. 22:23). There is also the fearful prophecy about the destruction of Jerusalem if the inhabitants do not come to faith in him. He warns that not one stone will be left on another (cf Mt 24). Continue to pray with Jesus and listen carefully to his final teachings just before his passion.*

Wednesday of Holy Week: *Traditionally this day was called "Spy Wednesday" for it was on this Wednesday before the crucifixion that Judas conspired to hand Jesus over. For this he was paid thirty pieces of silver (cf Mt. 26:14). Jesus likely spent the day In Bethany. In the evening Mary of Bethany anoints Jesus with costly perfumed oil. Judas objects but Jesus rebukes him and says Mary has anointed him for his burial! (cf Mt 26:6). The wicked are besetting Jesus and plotting against him. Are you praying?*

Holy Thursday: *This marks the beginning of the sacred Triduum, or "three days." Earlier this day Jesus had given instructions to the disciples on how to prepare for this most holy meal, which will be his last supper. Through the day they make these preparations (cf Mt 26:17). In the Mass of the Lord's Supper conducted at our parishes, we remember and make present that Last Supper which Jesus shared with his disciples. We are in the upper room with Jesus and the Apostles and do what they did. Through the ritual of washing the feet (Jn 13:1) of 12 parishioners, we unite in service to one another. Through our celebration of this first Mass and Holy Eucharist (Mt 26:26), we unite ourselves to Jesus and receive his Body and Blood as if for the first time. At this Eucharist, we especially thank God for his gift of the ministerial priesthood. After the Last Supper (First Mass) the apostles and Jesus made a short journey across the Kidron Valley to the Garden where he asks them to pray and he experiences his agony (cf Mt 26:30). We too will process in Church with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament to a garden (the altar of repose) which has been prepared. The liturgy ends in silence. It is an ancient custom to spend an hour before the reposed Blessed Sacrament tonight. We are with Jesus in the Garden and pray as he goes through his agony. Most of our parish churches remain open until close to midnight. It was near Midnight that Jesus was betrayed by Judas, was arrested and taken to the house of the High Priest (cf Mt. 26:47).*

Good Friday: *All through the night Jesus has been locked in the dungeon of the high priest's house. Early this morning he was brought before a Pilate who transferred his case to Herod. Herod sent him back to Pilate who, sometime in the mid-morning, bowed to the pressure of the Temple leadership and the crowds, and condemned Jesus to a horrible death by crucifixion. In the late morning Jesus was taken by the soldiers through the city and up the hillside of Golgotha. By noon he is nailed to the cross where he hangs in agony for some three hours. He dies around three in the afternoon. He is taken down from the cross and placed in the tomb hastily before sundown. Today is a day of prayer, fasting and abstinence. Whenever possible, Christians are urged to keep today free of work, of social engagements, of entertainment, and to devote themselves to communal prayer and worship. At noon many parishes gather for stations of the cross for recollections of the seven last words of Jesus.*

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A Message from our Pastor, Continued

Good Friday (continued):

Many parishes also offer stations of the cross at 3pm the hour of Jesus death. In the evening, we gather quietly in our parish Churches to enter into time of prayer as we reflect on Jesus death on the cross. We also pray for the needs of the world. To acknowledge the power of the cross in our lives today, we one by one come forward to venerate the cross with a kiss. Our hunger from this day of fasting is satisfied with Holy Communion distributed at the end of this liturgy. Consider too how the apostles might have gathered that night together in fear and prayer reflecting on all that happened.

Holy Saturday: The body of Jesus is in the tomb but His soul is among the dead to announce the kingdom. The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear it will Live (John 5:25). Consider what it must have been like for the dead in Sheol to awaken to the voice of Jesus! Meanwhile The Disciples, heartbroken at the death of Jesus, observed the Jewish Sabbath in sorrow. They had forgotten the promise of Jesus that He would rise. We cannot forget His promise. We cannot forget. Tonight in our parishes after sundown we gather for the Great Easter Vigil where we will experience Jesus rising from the dead. We gather in darkness and light the Easter fire which reminds us that Jesus is light in the darkness. He is the light of the world. We enter into the church and attentively listen to Bible stories describing God's saving work of the past. Suddenly, the church lights are lit and the Gloria is sung as we celebrate the moment of Christ's resurrection. He Lives! In the joy of the resurrection we then celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist for our Catechumens and Candidates who have prepared for many weeks for this night. As a Church we sing Alleluia for the first time in forty days. Do everything you can to be present on this evening and invite friends and family to join. Our Vigil ushers in an Easter joy that never ends!"*

God Bless, Fr. Jim

- <https://aleteia.org/2015/03/30/a-day-by-day-guide-to-jesus-last-week/>

March 24, 2024 | Palm Sunday

"Pilate again said to them,
'Then what shall I do with the man
whom you call the King of the Jews?'
And they cried out again, 'Crucify him.'"
MARK 15:12-13

Jesus told us "whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me."
"Every day we are presented opportunities to help someone. Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others. Every day we pass by someone in need. Pray for the strength and courage to be the answer to someone's prayer."



ST. PATRICK PARISH

Time, Talent & Treasure Auction

April 28 - May 5

Planning is in progress for our fourth Time, Talent and Treasure Auction.

To be successful, we **rely on donations from our Parish Families and Local Vendors.**

Any help you could provide is appreciated.

♦ Donation Suggestions:

- ✓ New and current items
- ✓ Handcrafted items, always a big hit!
- ✓ Sports Memorabilia
- ✓ Antiques
- ✓ Service/time items such as yard clean-up, babysitting, tutoring, sports training, legal aid, art or music class/session.
Be Creative!!!
- ✓ Gift certificates

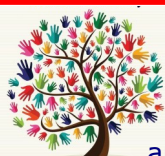


We are unable to accept yard sale items

Please watch future bulletins for more details or contact Meg Starbard or Pat Martin:

meg.starbard@gmail.com | 508-769-4438

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Rutland Food Pantry

We are very grateful to all who made our recent distributions and especially our Easter distribution, so special.

From cereal to cookies,
pasta to potatoes,
sauce to soup
All donations
are so deeply appreciated!

All the volunteers and staff of the Rutland Food Pantry,
wish you and your loved ones
all the Blessings and Joy of this Holy
Easter Season.

Distribution Dates

Date	Time
April	
Thursday, April 4, 2024	6:00 - 7:30 PM
Saturday, April 20, 2024	9:00 - 10:30 AM
May	
Thursday, May 9, 2024	6:00 - 7:30 PM
Saturday, May 25, 2024	9:00 - 10:30 AM



March 21, 2024

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Each year, the Holy Father asks Catholic parishes around the world to take up a Good Friday Collection to support Christians in the Holy Land. Christians living in the Holy Land not only struggle to live their faith and worship in their parishes – they are also the stewards of the sacred places that are currently without pilgrims due to the continuing conflict in Gaza and Israel.

As was the case during the pandemic, pilgrims cannot travel on pilgrimages to these sacred sites. This places a terrible burden on the small and fragile Christian presence in the Holy Land. This annual collection supports the work of the Franciscans in the sacred shrines and allows them to continue to minister to the parishes, provide formation and education in communities and schools, and care for the basic needs of the Christian faithful who call the Holy Land their home. Your support is more essential than ever to their ministry.

At the beginning of Lent, I invited you to participate in the Way of the Cross in a local parish church. This is such a powerful way for us to recall the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ during Lent. Christians in the Holy Land are faced with the particular challenge of bringing their own suffering to the cross every day as they witness to the faith. The Latin Patriarch of the Holy Land has been a voice for Christians living not just in Jerusalem, but also in Jordan, Syria and Lebanon.

Please be generous in this year's Good Friday collection in your parish. I invite you to visit www.myfranciscan.org to learn more about the good work made possible thanks to your response to this pontifical collection. With your help, the Franciscans can continue to be a light of hope to Christians who continue to struggle in the Holy Land.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester



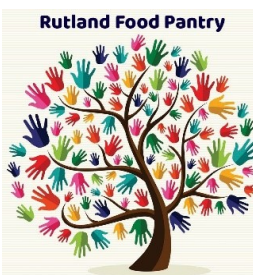
Join our students and their families, in Lenten projects that teach us to care for and love our neighbors, as Jesus commanded us.

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 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.)

Watch the bulletin for Project Updates!



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

MONDAY

March 25
6 pm - 7 pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

GOOD FRIDAY

MARCH 29 at 3 PM



What To Do with Last Year's Palms?

You may bring old palms
to church and place them in the
baskets that will be at the doors,
or bring them to the Parish Center
during office hours.

We will arrange for proper disposal.



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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

March 23: Palm Sunday

Vigil Mass, 5:00 pm

March 24: Palm Sunday

Mass, 8 am

Ecumenical Blessing of the Palms: 10:30 am

Followed by the Mass

March 28: Holy Thursday

- ✦ *Morning Prayer, 8:00 am*
- ✦ *The Lord's Supper, 7:00 pm*
- ✦ *Night Prayer, 9:30 pm*

March 29: Good Friday

- ✦ *Morning Prayer, 8:00 am*
- ✦ *Stations of the Cross, 3:00 pm*
- ✦ *The Passion of the Lord, 7:00 pm*

March 30: Holy Saturday

- ✦ *Morning Prayer, 8:00 am*
- ✦ *Easter Vigil Mass, 7:30 pm*

March 31: Easter Sunday

Mass, 8:00 am

Mass, 10:30 am

DID YOU KNOW?

HOLY THURSDAY
CELEBRATES THE
INSTITUTION OF
THE EUCHARIST &
THE PRIESTHOOD.

DID YOU KNOW?

THE PRINCIPAL
LITURGY OF GOOD
FRIDAY INCLUDES THE
PROCLAMATION OF
THE PASSION FROM
THE GOSPEL OF JOHN,
THE VENERATION OF
THE CROSS, & HOLY
COMMUNION USING
HOSTS CONSECRATED
ON HOLY THURSDAY.



DID YOU KNOW?

THE CELEBRATION
OF THE PASCHAL
VIGIL ON THE
EVENING OF HOLY
SATURDAY MARKS
THE END OF HOLY
WEEK AND THE
PASCHAL TRIDUUM.



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