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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

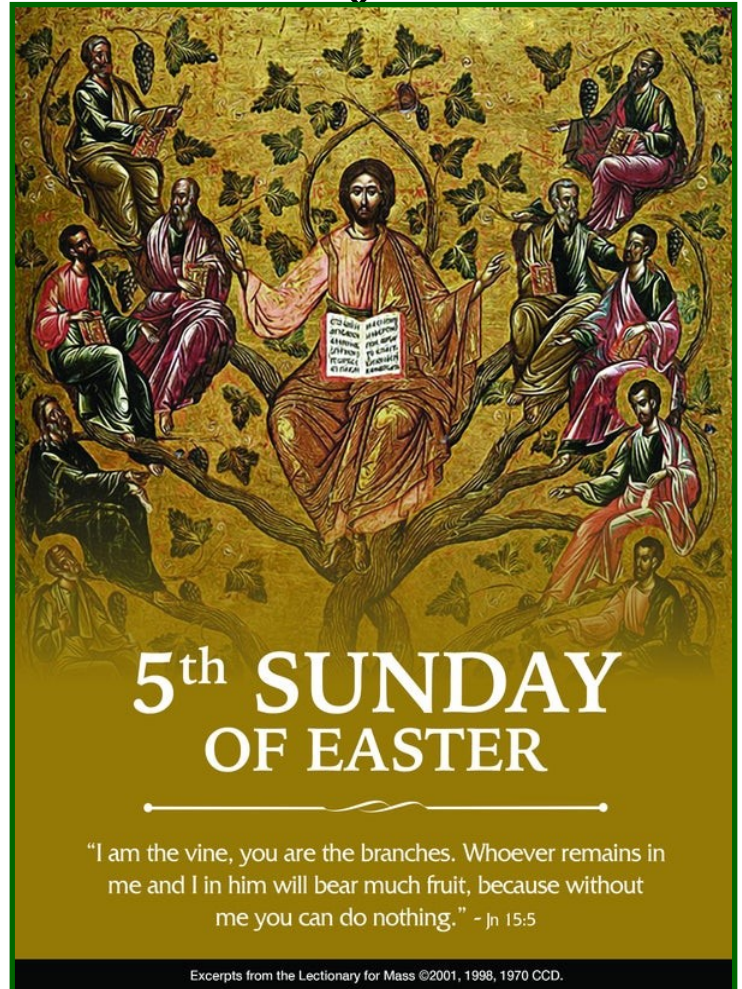
HOME & HOSPITAL VISITATION: Please notify us if you know of someone who is ill or homebound.

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

April 28, 2024



*Please Pray For the
Repose of the Soul of*

✠ *Noah Dupont*

✠ *John W. Towns*

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, April 27:

5:00 pm All Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, April 28: 8 am Livestreamed Mass

8:00 am Cecile A. Cortis

Requested by the Mulry Family

10:30 am Steven Fuller

Requested by the Fuller Family

Monday, April 29:

8:00 am In Thanksgiving

Requested by Barbara Rustenburg

Tuesday, April 30:

8:00 am David E. Norquist Sr.

Requested by the Parish

Wednesday, May 1:

8:00 am Michael Patrick Mahoney

Requested by the Parish

Saturday, May 4:

5:00 pm Glen Anderson, 1st Anniversary

Requested by his Mother & Sisters

Sunday, May 5: 8 am Livestreamed Mass

8:00 am Joseph Kaminski, 19th Anniversary

Requested by the Stidsen Family

10:30 am Sara Marie Crutcher

Requested by Margaret Wilkins



Events

April 30: Divine Mercy Chaplet, After 8 am Mass.

April 30: Scripture Study & Faith Sharing, 9 am, in the Church Hall following the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

May 1: Overdose Prevention Lecture, 7 pm,

Rutland Public Library, presented by Dr. Thomas J. Allen Jr.

May 5: Rosary following the 10:30 am Mass (First Sunday of every month) Please join us.

May 6: Holy Hour, 6:30 -7:30 pm

May 9: Ascension Thursday, Masses

at 8 am & 7 pm, Holy Day of Obligation

May 10: Holy Hour to Pray for Priests, 7-8 pm,

Immaculate Conception Church, 353 Grove St., Worc.
Every second Friday of the month.



Please pray for our
Religious Education
Students who will
Receive their First
Holy Communion
Next weekend!



April 21, 2024

Mass/Mailed in/Electronic Collections

Weekly Offering	\$ 4,737.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 2,372.00
Higher Utilities	\$ 185.00
Mother's Day	\$ 125.00
Ascension	\$ 40.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 20.00
Easter Offering	\$ 20.00
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	\$ 7,499.00

Special Collections:

Holy Land, Good Friday \$ 20.00

Thank you !



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Our Goal 2024: \$61,800

Received to Date: \$23,055 (37% of Goal)

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A Message from our Pastor

Dear Friends,

As we continue the Easter Season, you may ask yourself why it's such a long time of celebrating the Easter Season. We celebrate for the 40 days Christ walked the Earth to his Ascension into Heaven, and the 10 days that followed that lead us into Pentecost. What can this time teach us about happiness? Read on below:

"When the women came to Jesus' tomb and found it empty, two angels appeared to them and said, "Why do you seek the living one among the dead?" (Luke 24:5)

While this question is primarily aimed at the women's search for Jesus' body, it can also teach us a profound spiritual truth.

Nineteenth-century writer Elizabeth Hasell comments on this verse in her book Meditations for Passion and Eastertide, "These words, addressed by the angels of the sepulchre to the women by whom they 'stood in shining garments,' seem spoken to myself. For is not 'seeking the living among the dead' the very thing that I have been doing all my life, and seem inclined to go on still doing?"

Hasell expands on her commentary, reflecting on how we often seek earthly happiness "among the dead," focusing on those things that are passing.

What do I seek for? **Ease, rest, comfort, enjoyment, happiness. And where?** (must I not own it?) **In this world.** And, if so, **am I not seeking the living among the dead?** For can I gain these blessings in their completeness from earthly things, in all which sin has mixed trouble, and into all which it has brought dissolution? Am I wise then if I go on **seeking happiness in a direction where I shall never find what I want** in perfection; and where my imperfect gains can never be a lasting possession?

As St. Augustine so famously said in his Confessions, "you have made us and drawn us to yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in you."

We always get distracted by earthly happiness, focusing nearly all our attention on maintaining our physical and earthly needs. While God does not negate our desires for earthly pleasure, he urges us to point everything back to him and search for him above everything else.

We will find no lasting happiness on this earth, and all joy that we experience is only a precursor to the joy we will receive in the beatific vision of Heaven.

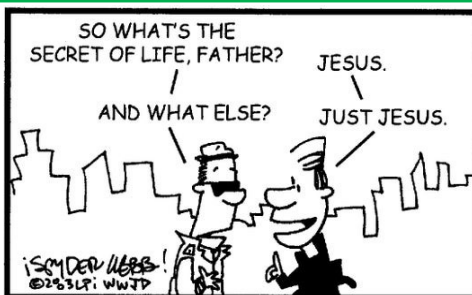
The events of Easter reminds us of this simple truth and the angels at the tomb point our heart in the right direction.

Hasell concludes her reflection by asking what we should be doing, instead of seeking happiness "among the dead":

And what are these unseen eternal things by which I ought to direct my course? Surely Christ Himself; and those things which He bids me seek after. **The sense of God's presence and favor, delight in His service, brotherly love, purity, truth,** —these, and such as these, are eternal; begun here, **they will endure and grow on for ever in the great hereafter.** As I gain these I shall be able to make a right use of earthly good things; and, while not depending upon them for my happiness, still get more comfort and pleasure from them as my Father's gifts to me, than I could do while I set my heart on them instead of upon Him."^{*}

God Bless, Fr. Jim

*- <https://aleteia.org/2020/04/16/what-easter-can-teach-us-about-true-happiness/>





Join us for DONUTS Today!
April 28th
 After the Sunday Masses, in the Church Hall

April 28 2024 | Fifth Sunday of Easter
*"Children, let us love not in word or speech
 but in deed and truth." 1 JOHN 3:18*

Regarding our Catholic faith, do you "walk the talk?" Do your actions reflect what it means to be a good disciple? Are you an active participant at Sunday Mass? Are you joyful when participating in parish ministry? Do you give gratefully and generously with your financial support to your parish and other Church needs? If not, it's not too late to start!

**Housekeeping Services Wanted
 St. Patrick's Rectory**

Seeking housekeeper for weekly cleaning and laundry at the rectory, to be done on Thursdays or Fridays. Please contact Denise Skrocki at 508-886-4984 or email: das@stpatricksrutland.org.



Knights of Columbus *"Knight's Corner"*


2024 St. Patrick's Knight of Columbus Scholarship

Applications are now being accepted for the 2024 St. Patrick's Knights of Columbus Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00.

Applicants must be:

- ☐ a graduating high school senior,
- ☐ who was confirmed in the Catholic Church,
- ☐ is a member of St. Patrick's Parish,
- ☐ and is accepted at an accredited school or apprentice program for further education.

To have an application sent to you, please email kofcstpatrick16001@gmail.com.
Deadline for applying is **May 31, 2024**.



Rutland Food Pantry

Distribution Dates	
Date	Time
May	
Thursday, May 9, 2024	6:00 - 7:30 PM
Saturday, May 25, 2024	9:00 - 10:30 AM

Our April Wish List:

- Ramen Noodles
- Hamburger Helper/Pasta Sides/Suddenly Salads
- Large Cans/**Plastic** Jars Spaghetti Sauce
- Coffee/Tea (Decaf and Regular)
- Jelly
- Bottled Juice
- Mayo/Relish/Mustard/ Ketchup
- Low Salt/Sugar Free/Gluten Free items
- Baked Beans

Paper Products – Tissues, Paper Towels, and the ever-needed Toilet Paper

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.

NATIONAL DAY OF
Prayer
MAY 2nd 2024



Divine Intimacy
in Marriage
 Retreat

**Fri Aug 2, 8:00 AM
 to Sun Aug 4, 1:00 PM**
 Cathedral of Saints Peter & Paul

Discover intimacy in your marriage during a three-day retreat in Providence, RI this August! Dan and Stephanie Burke delve into the roles of a husband and wife in the unity of marriage. This retreat is for married couples seeking to encounter God and to grow closer to each other as one. Dan and Stephanie together share their story "Fighting Towards Each Other" and journey through the role of man and woman in an ever-deepening relationship with God. Join them for a powerful weekend to discover the values and strengths of the beautiful sacrament of your marriage.

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