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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.

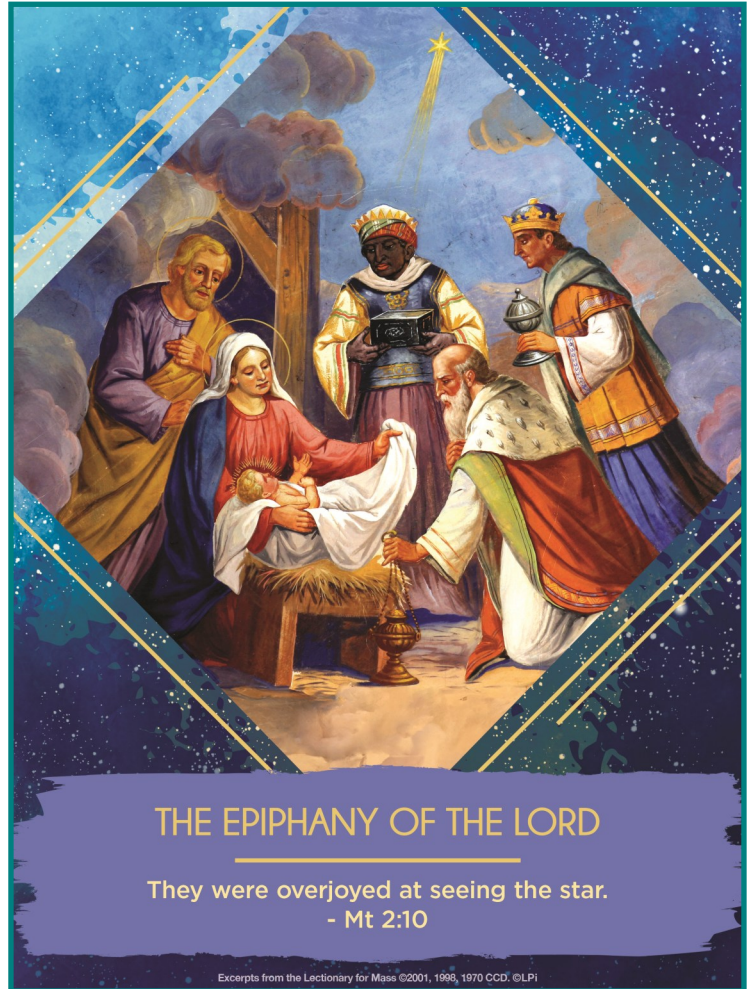
NEW PARISHIONERS: Welcome! We hope that you will become an active part of our parish family. Please introduce yourselves at your first opportunity, or call the Parish Center to register.

PRAYER REQUEST LINE: Call with your requests.

Paula Stidsen 774-696-3008

Or email: PaulaStidsen@gmail.com

January 5, 2025



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star.
- Mt 2:10

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TABERNACLE LAMP

The People of St. Patrick's

January 5 - 11, 2025

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, January 4:

5:00 pm Walter J. Lucier, 5th Anniversary
Requested by the Family

Blessing of Epiphany Water after 5pm Mass

Sunday, January 5: *8am Livestreamed Mass*

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

10:30 am Joanne L. Dillon
Requested by the Dillon, Brush & Greevy
Families

Monday, January 6: *8 am Livestreamed Mass*

8:00 am (*Living Intention) Sharon Anderson
Requested by the Alarie Family

Tuesday, January 7: *8 am Livestreamed Mass*

8:00 am Rocco A. Vallande
Requested by the Parish

Wednesday, January 8: *8 am Livestreamed Mass*

8:00 am (*Living Intention) Mark Alarie
Requested by Donna & Nicole Alarie

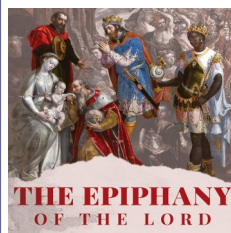
Saturday, January 11:

5:00 pm Edward J. Gauvin
Requested by Patricia Lavigne

Sunday, January 12: *8am Livestreamed Mass*

8:00 am Susan Alinovi, 3rd Anniversary
Requested by Diane Alinovi

10:30 am Steven Catoir
Requested by the Haz Family



Calendar of Events

January 5: *Rosary* following the **10:30 am** Mass (first Sunday of every month). Please join us.

January 6: *Holy Hour, (Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament)*, 6:30 pm-7:30 pm.

January 7: *Divine Mercy Chaplet*, after **8 am** Mass.

January 7: *Scripture Study & Faith Sharing*, **9 am**, Church Hall following the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

February 3: *Holy Hour, (Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament)*, 6:30 pm-7:30 pm.

March 21-24, 2025: *St. Patrick's Light of the World Retreat*. Please mark your calendars and join us...



Join us in Praying
THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY
Every Tuesday
After the **8:00 am** Mass
In the Church
All are Welcome!



Open House



Saint Mary School

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Sunday, January 26, 2025

16 Summer Street
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1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Visit with our faculty, staff, administration, and students.
Join one of our student-led campus tours and learn about what makes
our school so special.

Register for this event at school.stmarysparish.org

Please email admissions@stmarysparish.org for more information.

Come, Spend Time with Me!

January 6th
6:30 - 7:30 pm

February 3rd
6:30 - 7:30 pm

*I thirst
for You!*



A Message from our Pastor

Dear Friends,

Two gifts will be available to the whole parish this weekend, both being blessed following the 5pm Mass on January 4th. First, on this Feast of the Epiphany, I am allowed to do something I can only do once a year: Bless Holy Water with a specific Epiphany Blessing. [Please get your holy water after the Mass.]

"While the feast of Epiphany in the Roman Rite is primarily focused on the visit of the Magi, historically it was more focused on the baptism of Jesus Christ in the Jordan River. For this reason, there developed a special blessing of Epiphany water in memory of Jesus sanctifying the waters of Baptism.

This blessing of water on Epiphany was maintained by Eastern Catholics, but Roman Catholics also have an optional ceremony that was approved in 1890 that did homage to this tradition.

"The emphasis of the blessing, however, was less on the commemoration of Jesus' baptism and more on the symbolic nature of water as a cleansing agent. In this way, the blessing of Epiphany water in the Roman Rite was used to cast out Satan and all his demonic angels.

*"It is a powerful blessing, one that uses strong language to invoke the power of God over evil. It reminds us of the spiritual power of holy water and encourages us to use it in faith, trusting in the protecting help of God over our spiritual enemies."**

The Second gift is blessed chalk aimed at blessing the home. At the doors of the church will be a 'kit' [chalk and prayer] for the head of the household to bless their home following its blessing after the 5pm Mass. For further explanation, see below:

*Each year on the feast of Epiphany, chalk is blessed by priests around the world and then distributed to the parish. Parishioners are instructed to **mark their doorposts** in an action clearly **inspired by the book of Exodus**.*

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt ... "take some of the blood [of the lamb], and **put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses** in which they eat them. They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it ... The blood shall be a sign for you, upon the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, **I will pass over you, and no plague shall fall upon you to destroy you**, when I smite the land of Egypt." (cf. Exodus 12:1-13)

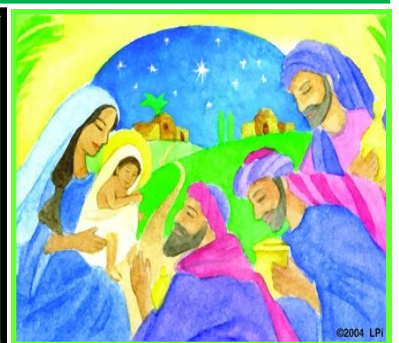
It is an ancient tradition that calls upon God's blessing and protection.

Traditionally a priest blesses chalk on the Feast of the Epiphany by saying the following prayer (from the Roman Ritual):

Bless, + O Lord God, this creature, chalk, and let it be a help to mankind. Grant that those who will **use it with faith** in your most holy name, and with it inscribe on the doors of their homes the names of your saints, Casper, Melchior, and Baltassar, **may through their merits and intercession enjoy health in body and protection of soul**; through Christ our Lord.

*Many families would take this seriously and **prayed the blessing with faith**, trusting that God would spare them diseases, plagues and other illnesses.*

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A Message from our Pastor ... continued

This is reflected in the prayer typically said by the head of the household when marking the doors with chalk.

Bless, + O Lord God almighty, this home, **that in it there may be health, purity, the strength of victory, humility, goodness and mercy**, the fulfillment of Thy law, the thanksgiving to God the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. And may this blessing remain upon this home and upon all who dwell herein. Through Christ our Lord.

While there is no "guarantee" that a home marked with Epiphany chalk will be protected from all illnesses, it does remind us that God is the giver of all gifts and he can lead us into good health.

The spiritual needs of the family should always be in the forefront of our mind, knowing that God will lead us through every dark valley.

*Even if we aren't spared a deadly disease, God's blessing will reign in our house and our soul will be at peace with God."***

God Bless, *Fr. Jim*

*- <https://aleteia.org/2020/01/05/epiphany-water-is-a-powerful-weapon-against-satan/>

** - <https://aleteia.org/2021/01/03/blessed-epiphany-chalk-was-used-to-protect-homes-against-illnesses>

The Epiphany of the Lord

"...They prostrated themselves and did Him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."

Matthew 2:11



What gifts do you give to the Lord? Pope St. Gregory said that these three gifts represent what we should give God every day. Gold – we should reflect Christ's wisdom in all our relationships. Frankincense – represents our daily prayer and adoration to God. Myrrh – is a symbol of our daily sacrifices that we unite with Jesus for the sake of others.

Rutland Food Pantry

Distribution Dates	
Date	Time
January-2025	
Thursday, January 09, 2025	6:00 - 7:30 PM
Saturday, January 25, 2025	9:00 - 10:30 AM
February	
Thursday, February 13, 2025	6:00 - 7:30 PM
Saturday, February 22, 2025	9:00 - 10:30 AM

Our January Wish List:

- SOUP – We need SOUP – LOTS OF SOUP!
- Canned Vegetables:
 - ✦ Potatoes
 - ✦ Spinach
 - ✦ Beets
 - ✦ Creamed Corn
- Hamburger Helper, Pasta Sides
- **Coffee**/Tea/Cocoa
- Baked Beans
- Boxed Rice Products
- Spaghetti Sauce (Plastic Jars preferred)
- **Jelly or Jam**

Non-perishable, non-expired, unopened food donations may be dropped off downstairs on the stage at St Patrick's.

All of us at the Rutland Food Pantry wish you and your loved ones many blessings and peace in this New Year!

Calling For New Altar Servers

We are inviting **children in fourth grade and up**, to become involved in the **Altar Serving ministry**. Altar serving is one of the ways that children can become involved in their parish community. Deacon Pierre Gemme will be conducting a **training class on Sunday, January 12 at 11:30 am in the Church**. Generally, Altar servers are scheduled to serve once a month during their requested Mass time.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Chris Mulry at 508-886-2010 or cam@stpatricksrutland.org to sign up.



Blessing of Epiphany Water...

January 4th, after the 5 pm Mass

Bring your holy water bottles,
or take one of ours.

*Holy Water is
available at anytime.*

Vision

For
Our
Youth

Attention parents, adults and our young people:

Join us for an informative session discussing the vision of the Catholic Church for our youth. We will explore options for us at St. Patrick's to empower young people to live as disciples of Jesus, participate in the Catholic Church and foster their personal and spiritual growth.

Learn how you can help shape the faith of our young people and bring our shared vision to life. Come with your ideas and discover how to support our parish's young people in building a stronger community.

Date: Sunday, January 12

Time: 9:15 am

Location: Upstairs in the Church

Facilitator: Julie Becker

Jan. 5th, 2025 Epiphany House Blessing

Available on
January 4th after
the 5pm Mass.

20 + C + M + B + 25

Gather with your
family to ask God for
the blessing of your
home and all those
who inhabit or visit it.
Pick up your chalking
kit and prayer at the
doors of the church .

JOIN US FOR DONUTS

After the Sunday Masses!

Christmas, December 25, 2024 and The Holy Family, December 29, 2024

Mass/Mailed in/Electronic Collections

Christmas Offering	\$ 4,632.00
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Weekly Offering 12/29	\$ 3,723.00
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Electronic Giving 12/29	\$ 1,255.80
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Higher Utilities	\$ 141.00
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Immaculate Conception	\$ 50.00
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Mary, Mother of God	\$ 30.00
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\$ 5,199.80

(Weekly goal to meet our annual budget: \$7,210.)

Special Collections:

Retired Religious Fund \$ 50.00

We are grateful for your support.

Thank you !



Ministry Volunteers

*If you serve in a ministry,
please pick up your gift
in the sacristy.*

*We are so grateful
for your service
to our Parish Family.
May the LORD continue
to bless you abundantly.*

Thank you!



O Come Let Us Adore Him, Christ the LORD!



*Thank you to all our students who helped us celebrate the birth of our LORD, Jesus
at the Vigil Mass of the Nativity of Our LORD.*

Thank you to our Pageant Volunteers:

♥ Hailey Baril

♥ Peter Laurenzi

♥ Felicity Caviston

♥ Maddie Lavallee

♥ Jack Caviston

♥ Emmy Miller

♥ Kimmie Hayes

♥ Jackson Nunnari

♥ Brielle Lacey

♥ Kylie Tessier

♥ Robert Warsheski

And Our Program Directors:

♥ Alyssa Mulry

♥ Heather Mulry



Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus
St. Patrick's Council 16001

The Knights of Columbus are proud to present the winners of the
"Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest" for 2024.

The judges had a difficult time choosing a winner with all of the great posters submitted for the contest. Sixteen creative and artistic posters were submitted. The **winners of the 2024 "Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest"** from each grade are:

Grade 1-2: Gianna Then

Grade 3-4: Harper Votruba

Grade 5-6: Sadie Scoble

Grade 7-8: Lily Schmitt

Winners were presented with a \$25 gift card and a Christmas ornament.
All entrants received a signed certificate.

Thank you for taking the time to submit a poster.
They were **all amazing!**





Pro-Life Mass

All are invited to join Bishop McManus for the annual **Mass for Life** on **Thursday, Jan. 23 at 7:30 pm** at the Cathedral of St. Paul, 38 High St., Worcester. Please join us to pray for and with our pilgrims who will be travelling to Washington, DC for the annual March for Life on Jan. 24, and to pray for an end to abortion and the conversion of our nation. All are welcome!

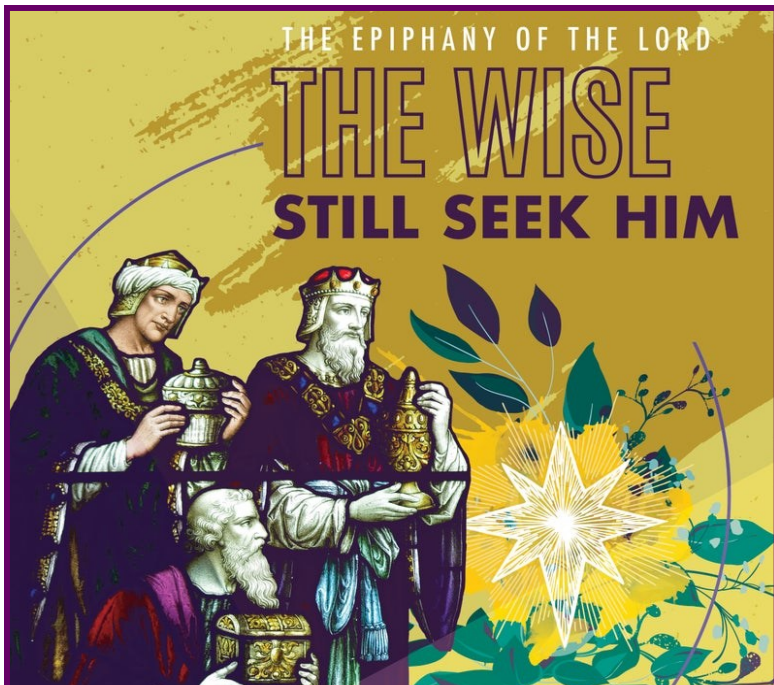
Novena to Protect Human Life!

9 DAYS FOR LIFE

Every baby deserves a birthday. Even though *Roe v. Wade* was overturned, most states still don't protect the lives of preborn children.

Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in praying the **annual 9 Days for Life novena** for the protection of human life from **January 16-24**.

Visit 9daysforlife.com to sign up to receive daily intentions by text or email throughout the novena. Your prayers make a difference!



"What was the favorite dessert of the king who brought gold?"



"Karat cake!"



The Magi brought gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh to Baby Jesus. We remember them on Epiphany!

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