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EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATION

Saturday (Vigil) 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASS

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 8:00 A.M.

BAPTISM: Parents are asked to 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 at 4:00 p.m. or anytime by appointment.

HOME & HOSPITAL VISITATION: Please notify us if you know of someone who would like to receive Holy Communion, the Sacrament of the Sick, and/or a visit.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Welcome! We hope that you will become an active part of our parish family. Please introduce yourselves after Mass or stop by the Parish Center to register.

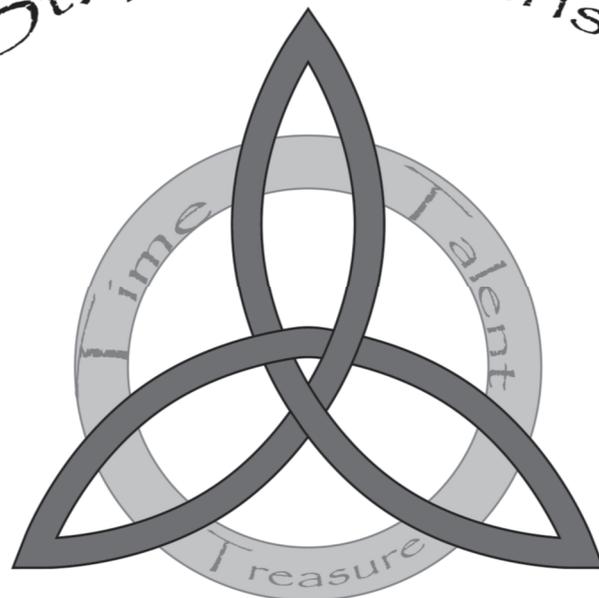
PRAYER REQUEST LINE: Call with your requests.

508- 886-2206 Paula Stidsen or PaulaStidsen@gmail.com

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April 1, 2018

St. Patrick Parish



Rutland, MA

St. Patrick Stewardship Prayer

Gracious God,

We thank you for the unique gifts you have given us to foster your kingdom here on earth.

Inspire us to examine our values, always placing you at the center of our lives.

Open our hearts to realize we are blessed and called to share our gifts with others.

Help us to be good stewards of the gifts entrusted to us, to share our time, our talent and our treasure to connect, serve and impact the world.

AMEN



Full handicap accessibility by the elevator entrance on the left driveway side of the Church building.





Papal Weekly Tweets

Christ, teach us never to be
ashamed of your Cross



Mass Intentions

Families requesting a Mass are asked to
bring up the gifts at the offertory. Please stop in
the sacristy to let us know you are at Mass.

WEEKDAY MASS

MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY AT 8:00 A.M.
* PERSON IS LIVING

* From November to April, in the event of school delays
or cancellations due to weather conditions, Mass will not
be held on that day.*

Saturday, March 31 Holy Saturday

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer with
Blessing of Easter Foods

7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 1 Easter

8:00 a.m. St. Patrick's Parishioner's

10:30 a.m. St. Patrick's Parishioner's

Monday, April 2

8:00 a.m.

Tuesday, April 3

8:00 a.m. People of St. Patrick

Wednesday, April 4

8:00 a.m. Johnny & Jimmy

Requested by mother Maggie

Saturday, April 7

5:00 p.m. Theresa Gusek 1st Anniversary

Requested by The Issacs Family

Sunday, April 8

8:00 a.m. Raymond Becker 1st Anniversary

Requested by Mary and Family

10:30 a.m. John & Yvonne Cove

Requested by Michael & Karen Cove



Weekly Schedule

**Sunday
April 1**

**Fr. Jim Kerrigan
Parish Center**

9:15 a.m.–10:15 a.m.
NO CCD Class

**Monday
April 2**

4:00 p.m.– 5:00 p.m. CCD Class
7:00 p.m.– 8:00 p.m. CCD Class

**Tuesday
April 3**

Scripture Study & Faith Sharing
After 8:00 am Mass
4:00 p.m.– 5:00 p.m. CCD Class

**Wednesday
April 4**

7:00 p.m.– 8:00 p.m. CCD Class
Knights of Columbus
Monthly Meeting 7:00 p.m

March 25, 2018 Weekly Collection

Higher Utilities	\$ 315.00
Good Friday	\$ 91.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 359.00
Catholic Relief	\$ 25.00
Easter Weekly	\$ 65.00
Total Weekly Collection	\$ 5,385.00

Easter Sunday

“Think of what is above, not of what is on earth.” (COLOSSIANS 3:2) On this day we thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died and rose for us. We celebrate and sing “Alleluia.” Let’s try to keep the joy of this Easter season in our hearts throughout the year! Pray daily and listen for how He is calling each of us to joyfully use our gifts to fulfill His salvation plan.

TABERNACLE LAMP



Francis Croteau



April 1, 2018— April 7, 2018

Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

Before Christ, any talk of resurrection was considered an absurdity. Something like this could never happen. But in what we celebrate on this Easter Sunday, everything changes. Christ does what no one else can: “This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again. This command I have received from my Father.” (John 10:18). Jesus does exactly this and it changes everything. He rises from the dead, giving the Apostles, who were hiding and scared, new life that would be so powerful, that 2000 years later, here we are on Easter celebrating this day.

But is this celebration meant to be merely limited to a day? No. It is meant to be a part of us in all things. We are called to be a people who live for the gift of eternity, that is to say, to live with the hope of Heaven in mind. Our ultimate destiny is to see God face to face where we will find total peace, fulfillment, and joy for all eternity. To receive such a gift, Our Lord asks us only that as He was faithful to us through the gift he made on the Cross, we are faithful to our part by living out our Catholic faith through our words, actions, and most especially receiving weekly the fuel of the Christian life that is the Holy Eucharist. I invite us all in this Easter season of joy to always keep the Lord at the center of our lives, to find our peace in the midst of our world.

Have a Happy and Blessed Easter.

God Bless,

Fr. Jim

Come Join our Second “Blanket” Yourself in Fun and Fellowship Evening

Friday, April 13, 2018 6:00 – 8:00 PM Fr. Jim Kerrigan Parish Center

What: Create warm, cozy fleece blankets which will be shared with those in need or used as donations to our Parish events. It’s an evening out with fellow parishioners to enjoy each other while learning a new skill. Help us make *Tied Fleece Blankets (No sewing required)* Learn now to make your own blankets. Take home instructions provided

Who Should Attend: Anyone who can tie a knot! Pre-teen and older, male or female, who would like to support this ministry. Anyone who would like to learn a new craft. Anyone who would like an evening out among friends

What should you bring to the session? You and your tying skills are all that we need. If you know how to use a rotary cutter and matt and have one, you are welcome to bring them with you, if you like. Supplies will be provided by the instructor.

What does it cost? There is no cost to attend the session. We are happy to accept voluntary donations of \$1.00 - \$10.00 which will be used to purchase materials for future blankets.

How do I sign up? We want to be sure we have enough materials for everyone to participate.

Register by calling Denise Skrocki at 508-612-1243 or Allison Winer at 508-886-4984

Leave your name, phone contact and the number of people who will be attending.

Retreat Theme: *Grace Enough* - Join Holy Family’s retreat team for a weekend of peace and reflection on the power of God’s grace in our lives. Discover anew how God’s grace is our greatest source of strength and courage to meet the ever-present challenges in our lives. Together we’ll reflect on how living in God’s grace guides us to make wise choices, leading to true happiness and peace.

The retreat includes: home-cooked meals, inspirational liturgies, uplifting music, free time, and workshops. The retreat begins with dinner at 6:00 p.m. on Friday evening and concludes with Sunday brunch at noon. Registration forms are at the Church doors.

Men’s Retreat Date: May 4-6, 2018 Contact: Mike Cove @508-886-2730

Women’s Retreat Dates: April 20-22, and June 1-3 Contact: Dot Tsotsis @508-886-4362

Easter 2018

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As the grieving women walked to the tomb in the pre-dawn darkness of Easter Sunday, their companion was not only grief but worry. How would they remove the stone that blocked the tomb so they could anoint Jesus' body?

When they arrived at the tomb the women found the stone removed. To their amazement, they also found much more—an angel and the announcement that Jesus had been raised from the dead! Overjoyed, the women ran to announce the good news to the disciples.

That evening, two of the disciples were leaving Jerusalem on the road to Emmaus. Grief and disappointment hung over them as they discussed the events of the last three days. Just as worry about the stone distracted the women from recalling Jesus' promise, the events of Good Friday, shattering their hopes, prevented the disciples from believing the women's report.

Many times worries and disappointment over the immediate events of life cause us distraction. When that happens, do not forget Christ's promises. Do not forget history's greatest event, Christ's resurrection.

The women's worry about the stone proved to be a trifle. God would move the stone. The expectations of the disciples on the road to Emmaus were inconsequential when compared to God's plan fulfilled in Jesus. When the angel told the women that Christ's promise was fulfilled, they were overjoyed. When Jesus enlightened the disciples about the prophecies of Scripture, their hearts burned. The women's worry and the disciples' disappointments were utterly dispelled by the joy of the Resurrection.

May we live in the light of Easter—full of hope and anticipation. May we never let our worries or disappointments distract us from the realization that God's love provides us with the means to overcome every fear and to live in the confidence that God's promises will exceed our most fervent hopes.

With every prayerful best wish for a joyous Easter, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester

10th Grade Retreat

Thanks to all our 10th graders who attended the “Be a Voice for the Voiceless” Retreat this past weekend. The students spent 23 hours focusing on how our Catholic faith calls each one of us to care for the less fortunate in our society through charitable works as well as social justice. We worked through some of the root problems in our society that cause homelessness and poverty through groups discussions and problem solving. The students listened to a motivational speaker that challenged them to accept Jesus’ invitation to continue his work and care for the less fortunate. And, they listened to a speaker who is a refugee from Iraq speak about the differences between the two cultures and his families journey to Worcester. Finally, they spent Saturday afternoon preparing and serving a meal at the Mustard Seed and visiting the residents at Notre Dame Nursing Home.

Rutland Food Pantry Distributions

April

Thursday, April 12, 2018 6:00—7:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 28, 2018 9:00—11:00 a.m.

May

Thursday, May 10, 2018 6:00—7:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 26, 2018 9:00—11:00 a.m.

June

Thursday, June 14, 2018 6:00—7:30 p.m.
Saturday, June 23, 2018 9:00—11:00 a.m.

Food Pantry Wish List

- **Hamburger Helper**
- **Boxed/Canned Potatoes**
- **Large Cans/Jars Spaghetti Sauce**
- **Pasta**
- **Cookies - Crackers – Snacks**
- **Cereal (all kinds)**
- **Coffee/Tea**
- **Juice**
- **Canned Pasta**
- **Low Salt/Sugar Free/Gluten Free items**

NOTE: Please do not leave household items, electronics or toys at St. Patrick’s.

We do not have the space to store these items or to offer these items.

We are accepting any SPRING & SUMMER clothing in clean, good condition

We gladly accept food that HAS NOT EXPIRED— as we cannot give out anything that has expired.

Thank you for your continued support of this vital ministry.

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