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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.

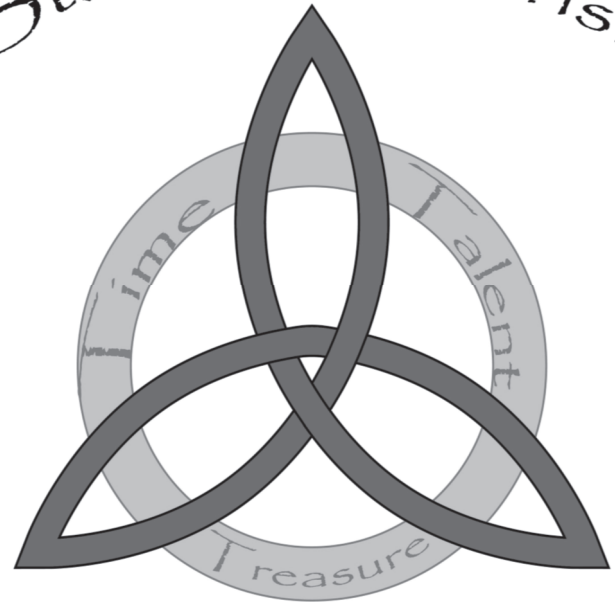
PRAYER REQUEST LINE: Call with your requests.

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

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April 15, 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

Holiness is the most attractive face of the Church.



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

Saturday, April 14

5:00 a.m.

Sunday, April 15

8:00 a.m. Francis Croteau
Requested by the Family

10:30 a.m. Laurie Brunelle *
Love Mom & Dad

Monday, April 16

8:00 a.m.

Tuesday, April 17

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

Wednesday, April 18

8:00 a.m.

Saturday, April 21

5:00 p.m. Joan C. Sullivan
Requested by Susan & Michael Adamski

Sunday, April 22

8:00 a.m. Nancy & Dominic Isernio
Requested by The Evans Family

10:30 a.m.

April 8 2018 Weekly Collection

Higher Utilities	\$	210.00
Easter	\$	77.00
Weekly	\$	3,392.00
Total Weekly Collection	\$	3,679.00

Weekly Schedule

**Sunday
April 15**

**Fr. Jim Kerrigan
Parish Center**

9:15 a.m.–10:15 a.m.
NO CCD Class

**Monday
April 16**

4:00 p.m.– 5:00 p.m.
NO CCD Class
7:00 p.m.– 8:00 p.m.
NO CCD Class

**Tuesday
April 17**

Scripture Study & Faith Sharing
After 8:00 am Mass
4:00 p.m.– 5:00 p.m.
NO CCD Class
Dismas Farm
Group A Team 1 5:30 p.m.

**Wednesday
April 18**

7:00 p.m.– 8:00 p.m.
NO CCD Class

The Saint Patrick's Knights of Columbus council will once again be collecting donations for the Visitation House. Visitation House provides a caring home for women facing crisis pregnancies in the Worcester area. Baby Bottles are located in the front and side exits and can be filled with your extra change, bills etc. Any donation is helpful. Bottles should be returned by May 6th and may be placed in the baskets from which they came. We thank you in advance for your continued generosity.

Thank You to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the *2018 Partners in Charity Appeal*. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment pledge envelope located in the pew. Or visit www.partners-charity.net to do it online.

Thank you!



Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

Some years ago now, I had my own *come to Jesus* moment, in which things really changed for me and it led me to this path of Priesthood. The saddest part, reflecting on this moment now almost 10 years later, was that it took *so much* on God's part for me to respond to His call.

Like so many young people growing up in this world, it was so easy to get swept up in the culture (and really, it still is with the continued busyness of our lives). For me, I believed that if I did what the world at large said would fill me up, it would be so. Yet a troubling pattern began to emerge during this pursuit of happiness: No matter how many *moments* one could find in the culture, it was never enough. There was always a feeling of a lacking for something.

Add to all of this a losing of the ability to walk for a year due to 3 leg surgeries (a long story for another day) and now the questions really began to come to the fore: Where do we find our peace? Where can our hearts find rest? The prayer I made 10 years ago, giving God a chance to do things his way in my life, took me on an unexpected journey that I would have never chosen for myself. St. Augustine said it best when he wrote in his work *Confessions*: "You have made us for yourself O Lord, and our hearts are restless until the rest is you"

But it took so much to get my attention! I had 3 surgeries, the inability to walk for a year, the continued seeking of consolation everywhere else only to find it lacking, and numerous other ways that God had to get my attention to help me to "take the leap" and move towards Him. As we celebrate this Easter season, I ask a question: What has God done in our lives to get our attention to call us to Himself? And second: Are we responding day by day or not? My hope in prayer is that no matter where we are in our relationship with Christ, we recognize that Jesus hasn't stopped calling us, but calls us deeper still. No matter how far we are along in our Christian lives, with Christ there is always more. Let us respond to his call and let the Holy Spirit help us to grow in the Life that God wills for each and every one of us.

God Bless,

Fr. Jim

Consider becoming a "Companion in Service"

This summer about 18 of our young people will be taking part in a Young Neighbors in Action Mission Trip in Newark, New Jersey or attending a weekend at Steubenville East in Lowell, MA. Through the generosity of the Knights of Columbus as well as several fund raisers (Soup and Stations, Irish Bread Sales) we have raised some of the money needed for these two exciting events, both of which should help our young people strengthen their faith commitment.

We are now asking parishioners to become a "Companion in Service". By doing this you are joining our young people – not by going with them, but going by giving.

As a Companion in Service:

You promise to keep the team members in your thoughts and prayers.

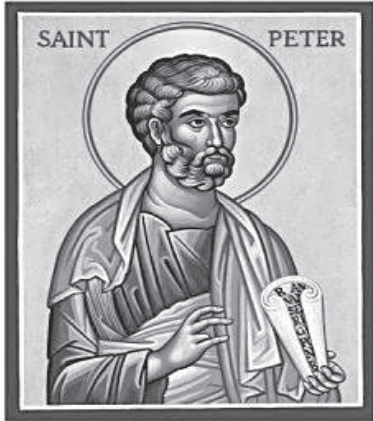
You spend a session with the members upon their return to hear about their experiences and what they will do to keep these experiences alive in their lives.

Make a financial commitment to their trips.

More information will follow in next week's bulletin as well as a participation form.

Any questions: jean@stpatricksrutland.org

April 15, 2018 — Third Sunday of Easter
ACTS 3: 13-15, 17-19; PS 4: 2, 4-9; 1 JN 2:
1-5A; LK 24: 35-48



The final line of the First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles is, “Repent, therefore, that your sins may be wiped away.” This is part of a message which Peter evidently often stated as he evangelized and spread the word about the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

Penance, repentance, is an important part of our Catholic faith. One of our seven Sacraments, there is much in Church doctrine about the importance of this sacrament. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (#1424) it states, “It is called the sacrament of confession, since the disclosure or confession of sins to a priest is an essential element. In a profound sense it is also a “confession” — acknowledgement and praise — of the holiness of God and of His mercy toward sinful men and women.”

When St. Peter was speaking and used the term “wiped away,” that had more meaning to the people of his time. Imagine if sins were listed on a document in ink. In ancient times the ink had no acid content, and thus it could be “wiped away” with a damp cloth. That was the image Peter was presenting. For us going to confession literally “wipes away” our sins.

God’s forgiveness is central to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Sacrament of Confession (reconciliation) means that from God’s perspective it is as though our sins have never even occurred. In the Book of Hebrews the Lord declares, “I will never again remember their sins” — after repentance, that is.

Religious Education Registration

Registration has begun for 2018-19 classes.
Registration forms are at the side door of the church
and in the Parish Center.

Fee for grade 1 and grades 3-8 is \$65.00

Fee for grade 2 is \$90.00

Grades 9-11 will meet on Sunday evening
from 5:00-7:00 pm. Mass will be celebrated at
5:00 pm for all students as well as for the parish.
Class will follow. Fee for the high school grades will
be \$90.00 and will cover the retreats and other
activities for those grades.

Early Registration is now till August 1st
After August 1st registration fee will be an
additional 25.00

Rutland Food Pantry Distributions

April

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
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We gladly accept food that HAS NOT EXPIRED— as we
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