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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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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

We are Christians to the extent that we allow Jesus Christ to live in us.



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.

Weekly Schedule

**Fr. Jim Kerrigan
Parish Center**

**Sunday
May 13**

**Monday
May 14**

**Tuesday
May 15**

**Wednesday
May 16**

**Thursday
May 17**

Beer, Brats, Blessing meeting 7 p.m.

Scripture Study & Faith Sharing After 8:00 am Mass

WEEKDAY MASS

MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY AT 8:00 A.M.

* PERSON IS LIVING

**Saturday, May 12 Crowning of Mary
5:00 p.m.**

Sunday, May 13 Crowning of Mary

8:00 a.m. Nancy & Dominic Isernio
Requested by The Evan's Family

10:30 a.m. Scotty Bies
Requested by Michael and Karen Cove

Monday, May 14

8:00 a.m.

Tuesday, May 15

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

Wednesday, May 16

8:00 a.m.

Saturday, May 19

5:00 p.m. Barbara Quiry
Requested by Bill & Lucille

Sunday, May 20

8:00 a.m. James "Jimmy" Dunn
Month's Mind Mass Requested by Jo-Ann & Kaite

10:30 a.m. Irena Zaleski
Requested by The family of Julian & Maria Votruba

CONFIRMATION MEETING

There will be a Confirmation meeting on Sunday, June 3rd after the 10:30 Mass in the lower level of the Fr. Jim Kerrigan Parish Center.

Any students who have completed two years of high school religious education as well as other requirements and wish to be considered as candidates are expected to attend the meeting with at least one parent.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Any student who is attending a Catholic high school and will be in the 11th grade next fall is invited to be considered as a candidate for the fall Confirmation. You are expected to attend the meeting on June 3rd with at least one parent.

Star of Bethlehem

Due to the hard situations and the interruption of the tourist trade that is currently happening with Christian families in Bethlehem, the place of Jesus' birth, Maysoon Khair will be at St. Patrick's on the weekend of **May 19 & 20**, representing The School of Joy for slow learning children and over a hundred Christian families who make their livelihood through the selling of their hand carved olive wood religious articles.

After all masses there will be a display of these hand carved items such as nativity scenes, crucifix, rosaries, last supper and many other beautiful religious statues in the Church's basement hall

Please consider supporting this project to keep the children and the Christians present in the Holy Land of Jesus' birth.

May 6, 2018 Weekly Collection

Higher Utilities	\$	337.00
Mother's Day	\$	401.00
Ascension	\$	5.00
Weekly	\$	4,362.00
Total Weekly Collection	\$	5,105.00

Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

As we gather today, it is the 101st anniversary of the extraordinary events of Our Lady of Fatima. On this day in 1917, three shepherd children came in contact with the Blessed Mother who appeared before them on six occasions throughout that summer and fall.

While I cannot give an exhaustive summary here, I wish to focus on the final day Our Lady appeared Servant of God Lucia Santos (Servant of God is the first step on the path to being canonized a saint), St. Francisco Marto, and St. Jacinta Marto. On this particular day, due to publicizing of the previous events, thousands upon thousands gathered on a rainy October 13th in the field in Fatima, Portugal. The following is what Lucia reported as her conversation with Mary that day (keep in mind that World War I was still going at this point):

- "What do you want of me?"
- **I want a chapel built here in my honor. I want you to continue saying the Rosary every day. The war will end soon, and the soldiers will return to their homes.**
- "Yes. Yes."
- "Will you tell me your name?"
- **I am the Lady of the Rosary.**
- "I have many petitions from many people. Will you grant them?"
- **Some I shall grant, and others I must deny. People must amend their lives and ask pardon for their sins. They must not offend our Lord any more, for He is already too much offended!**
- "And is that all you have to ask?"
- **There is nothing more.***

At this point, as Our Lady leaves, the sun burst through the rain clouds, prompting Lucia to tell the crowd "Look at the sun!" 70,000 people or so spectators witnessed what happened next. Our Lady had promised a miracle to the children to confirm her requests. The following comes not from any ecclesial source, but from an anti-clerical, pro-government newspaper that covered the event in 1917 called *O Seculo* based out of Lisbon.

"From the road, where the vehicles were parked and where hundreds of people who had not dared to brave the mud were congregated, one could see the immense multitude turn toward the sun, which appeared free from clouds and in its zenith. It looked like a plaque of dull silver, and it was possible to look at it without the least discomfort. It might have been an eclipse which was taking place. But at that moment a great shout went up, and one could hear the spectators nearest at hand shouting: "A miracle! A miracle!"

Before the astonished eyes of the crowd, whose aspect was biblical as they stood bareheaded, eagerly searching the sky, the sun trembled, made sudden incredible movements outside all cosmic laws---the sun "danced" according to the typical expression of the people.

Standing at the step of an omnibus was an old man. With his face turned to the sun, he recited the Credo in a loud voice... I saw him afterwards going up to those around him who still had their hats on, and vehemently imploring them to uncover before such an extraordinary demonstration of the existence of God.

Identical scenes were repeated elsewhere, and in one place a woman cried out: "How terrible! There are even men who do not uncover before such a stupendous miracle!"

People then began to ask each other what they had seen. The great majority admitted to having seen the trembling and the dancing of the sun; others affirmed that they saw the face of the Blessed Virgin; others, again, swore that the sun whirled on itself like a giant Catherine wheel and that it lowered itself to the earth as if to burn it in its rays. Some said they saw it change colors successively...." *

Many would report being scared or calling out to the Blessed Mother for help. Some others would making acts of contrition on the spot, others would come to believe that day. Even a college professor, Dr. Almeida Garrett, PhD of Coimbra University (whose testimony can be viewed on the website listed below), would affirm the events of that day: the day the sun danced and Mary, Mother of God and our mother, gave a sign to confirm her words. Our Lady calls all of us to follow her Son Jesus, who loves us with a love beyond all telling. May we all respond generously to this invitation.

God Bless,
Fr. Jim

*- the following was taken from EWTN's 100th anniversary website: www.ewtn.com/fatima

Mother's Day Rose for Life Campaign May 12 and 13

At Masses on Mother's Day (May 12/13) weekend your St. Patrick's Knights of Columbus members will have available real "Roses for Life." The purpose is to bring attention to the plight of the unborn. Donations (suggested \$2.00 per rose) are accepted for each rose with proceeds going to the Problem Pregnancy organization. This all volunteer agency provides women an alternative to abortion through free counseling, pregnancy tests, ultrasound scanning, plus physical and emotional support. Your prayers and donations for the unborn are needed and greatly appreciated

VISITATION HOUSE: BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

The St Patrick's Knights of Columbus Council are requesting that the Visitation House Baby Bottles are returned by Sunday May 20th. Baskets will be by the front & back doors for drop-off. Thanks to all who participated in this year's annual drive.

Rutland Food Pantry Distributions

May

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.

Crowning of Mary

Welcome back to our First Communicants who will participate in a “May Crowning” tradition that honors the Virgin **Mary** as "the Queen of May". Our students will participate in this ceremony at the beginning of all Masses this weekend.

Congratulations First Communicants!

We were blessed to have 42 students celebrate their First Holy Communion last Saturday, May 5th.

To our students – may the Lord come into your heart and hear your every prayer. May the joy and blessings of this special day be repeated many times over in the years ahead.

Cooper Andrews	Maeve Barbadora
Brandon Boulmetis	Benjamin Bujnowski
Colin Carlson	Sam Daignault
Brynn DeCarlo	Ben DiFonso
Jack Geloso	Jonathan Hallaman
Matthew Hallaman	Tatum Hargreaves
Mikayla Harrington	Nicolas Hayes
Megan Jeffcoat	Rose Kelly
Orla Leahy	Gavin Loverin
Jack Lufkin	Averill Maarouf
Kathryn Maceiko	Hannah Marrone
Finnigan McLoughlin	Alexander Mellan
Eliana Miller	William Molinari
Anna Moreno	Emma Moreno
Bradford Perry	Christopher Price
Jason Power	Alexander Riley
Jadiel Rivera	Ellyana Servant
Braeden Smith	Lena Sullivan
Reed Trela	Erin Trottier
Kara Trottier	Samuel Unfricht
Charles Wilson	Sydney Winer

A special thank you for all the support our parishioners have shown for our First Communion students! Many of you have prayed for these children over the past year as they prepared for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and their First Holy Communion. We had five wonderful First Communion teachers – Amy Daignault, Patricia Martin, Lauren Mulry, Brenda Nordquist and Lindsay Perry. And, thanks to the Knights of Columbus who served a delicious pasta dinner for the First Communion students and their families on Friday night after their rehearsal. We appreciate the support of our whole parish as we grow our faith in the children of our parish.

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