

St. Patrick Parish

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Serving the People of Rutland, Oakham and Hubbardston

December 9, 2018

2018 Confirmation Candidates

Chantalle Benoit

Jackson Burns

Mary Burns

Erin Duncan

Morgan Fleischer

Justin Gilroy

Margaret Johnson

Sydney Lamoureux

Sophia Mason

Grace Miele

Olivia Murphy

Nicholas Persson

Elizabeth Russell

Mikayla Sargent

Cameron Soucy

Marta Szemiot

Riley Berry

Emily Burns

Nicholas Butler

Ryan Edwards

Michael Gates

Nathan Isaacs

Joshua Judge

Miguel Lopez

Emily McMahon

Lauren Mulry

Jacob Nadeau

Ethan Ross

Hannah Rutkiewicz

Brendan Shaw

Shea Sullivan

Caitlynn Zenaro



Congratulations



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





Papal Weekly Tweets

The beginning of faith is feeling the need for salvation: this is the way that prepares us to meet Jesus.



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.

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

WEEKDAY MASS

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

* PERSON IS LIVING

Saturday, December 8

4:00 p.m. Pat Inangelo 2nd Anniversary
Requested by husband John

Sunday, December 9

8:00 a.m. Helen Urbanovitch
Requested by Robert Gibbons

10:30 a.m. Thomas D. "Tom" Lawless
Rosalie Lawless Borbone Requested by loving family

2:00 p.m. First Reconciliation

5:00 p.m.

Monday, December 10

8:00 a.m.

Tuesday, December 11

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

Wednesday, December 12

8:00 a.m. Howie Ferguson Requested by the Family

Saturday, December 15

4:00 p.m. Kenneth Sweeney Sr. 2nd Anniversary
Requested by the Family

Sunday, December 16

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

10:30 a.m. Donna Ferguson
Requested by Ron & Karen Sutkus

5:00 p.m.

Weekly Schedule

**Sunday
December 9**

**Fr. Jim Kerrigan
Parish Center**
9:15 a.m.–10:15 a.m. CCD Class
First Reconciliation
2:00 p.m. Church
5:00 p.m.– 7:00 p.m. CCD Class

**Monday
December 10**

4:00 p.m.– 5:00 p.m. CCD Class
Confession in the Church
6:00 p.m-7:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.– 8:00 p.m. CCD Class

**Tuesday
December 11**

Scripture Study &
Faith Sharing
After 8:00 am Mass
4:00 p.m.– 5:00 p.m. CCD Class
Beer, Brats, and Blessing
Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Prayer Class 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday
December 12**

**Thursday
December 13**

1st Degree Knights Meeting
7:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m.
Parish Center

TABERNACLE LAMP



Thomas D. "Tom" Lawless

&

Rosalie Lawless Borbone



December 9, 2018— December 15, 2018

December 2, 2018 Weekly Collection

Higher Utility	\$ 30.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ 5.00
Mary, Mother of God	\$ 15.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 15.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 550.00
Christmas	\$ 10.00
<u>Weekly</u>	<u>\$ 3,129.00</u>
Total Weekly Collection	\$ 3,754.00

Dear Friends,

As we are now in this season of Advent, it's good to remind ourselves that this is a season of preparation. While not the duration of Lent nor as explicitly focused on Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving, it is still a penitential season in which we are to prepare ourselves not only for the celebration of Christmas itself, but to welcome our Lord into our interiority more completely, that we would be prepared to meet Christ at his second coming.

There are a few ways we can prepare for our upcoming celebration: One of the staples of such preparation would be the Sacrament of Confession, which during Advent will be offered on Monday evenings from 6pm-7pm here in the Church. Another way would be to be more deliberate in prayer. As you see this weekend in the Church, a new picture of Divine Mercy is now adorning our Church. Perhaps during this season, praying this prayer with rosary beads that takes about 5-7 minutes is something we can offer to God, even while driving into work. So many give alms during this season, whether through service or offering up generously from the gifts God has given to help others in need. Let us invite the Lord to show us all how he wishes us to make that gift. Finally, we can consider fasting – maybe not giving up a food – rather, some good that while not bad in itself, but has become an obstacle to our life with God and how he is trying to lead us. This can include many different options, from staying off the phone during part of each day, to maybe bringing Coffee from home instead of stopping at Dunkin Donuts each morning (I promise I won't ask anyone to give up coffee all together...)

In short, this season is a time to prepare and allow ourselves to better receive the gift of the Lord Himself before any other gift. Let us take advantage of this season to do just that, allowing the Graces we receive to bless our families and ourselves during the upcoming Christmas celebration.

God Bless,

Fr. Jim

Turkey Social 2018

The Turkey Social Committee would like to offer our heartfelt gratitude at all of our generous parishioners who donated items, baked for our bake sale table, and attended the event. Your efforts raised over \$4,400.00 for our parish.

Congratulations to the winners of the Grand Prize Raffle:

- \$500.00 Bob Gaumont
- \$200.00 Tom Oliva
- \$150.00 Margie Hough
- \$150.00 Josh Haz

We would also like to extend out thanks to our local businesses and organizations who supported us with donations, our CCD families for their continued generosity, and our Middle/High School Youth Groups for their hard work throughout the evening.

This event is a great success every year because of our team of dedicated volunteers.

Thank You

Greater Gardner Community Choir Presents A Season of Carols

December 16th 2018 4 p.m.
Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish
52 Spruce St., Winchendon, MA
Seniors and Kids free through Saint Gobain Grant
Tickets available at the door.



Calling anyone that likes to sing! The adult choir is looking for more members. All talent levels welcome - we're not professionals but parishioners that just like to sing.

The choir provides music at the 10:30 Sunday masses, Christmas Eve and Easter services as well as most other holy days. Rehearsals are held at the church on Thursday evenings. If interested, stop up in the choir loft after any mass to provide your name and phone number.

We know there are many that like to sing as we can hear all those good voices rising up to the choir loft. Won't you please consider sharing your voice?

Rutland Food Pantry Distributions

December

Note Only 1 Distribution in December

Saturday, December 15, 2018 9:00—11:30 a.m.

Food Pantry Wish List

Stuffing
Cranberry Sauce
Pie Crusts
Pie Filling (Any Flavor)
Quick Breads/Cookie Mixes
Mushroom Soup
Dried Onions
Gravy
Coffee/Tea/Cocoa

The Living Nativity

On Saturday, December 8th and Sunday, December 9th, Mesa Farm will reenact the birth of Jesus. Volunteer actors, singers and live animals will bring to life the true meaning of Christmas. There will be two shows each day at 4:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Mesa Farm is located at 67 Muschopauge Road in Rutland. Admission is free, but please bring a plate of cookies to share after the performance. Also, there will be an opportunity to make a voluntary donation to Mesa Farm's City to Saddle program that allows underprivileged and special needs children to experience horse riding and farming at Mesa Farm.

In the hustle and bustle of the season, this is a great opportunity to spend an hour watching the story of the true meaning of Christmas. The peacefulness of the evening may just very well carry through Christmas day.

THE SIGN OF PEACE DURING COLD AND FLU SEASON:

Please don't be offended if someone chooses not to shake hands with you during the Sign of Peace. An appropriate gesture for those who are concerned about spreading the flu virus might be to strive for eye contact rather than physical contact. You could bow gently to those around you, and with a simple wave and smile say "Peace be with you,"

The Visitation Ministry

The Visitation Ministry provides a social connection to St. Patrick's homebound individuals who would benefit from a visit from a fellow parishioner. This ministry, through volunteer efforts, visits residences, nursing facilities, and other home situations of parish members. Reasons for visits range from providing spiritual support to a friendly visit to someone who just wants to make a new friend. Please pray for the following parishioners.



Ellie Mohammed

Clea Blair

Cele Tod

"Dick" Quinn

Kay Donoghue

Jim Curtis

Pat Richards

Grace Carlson

Janet Ahearn

Joyce Dolan

Sandy Erickson

Dot Tarbell

Elaine Suchocki

Art McNutt

Marilyn Zoppo

Advent Blessings

During this Advent season we are asking our parishioners to write a Christmas card to a homebound parishioner. Please place the Christmas card in the collection basket and our visitation volunteers will deliver the cards.

Online Giving:

Thank you to those who have continued to donate on line using our new provider and to those who have recently signed on. The benefit of online giving to the parish is enormous. One benefit is that it provides a consistent source of revenue to the parish. If you manage your bills online, you know you like the convenience of giving to the parish on line. It is safe and secure, and you decide exactly when your gift is made and where it goes. You can even view your giving history and pledge progress at any time, just by logging in. Please visit our website at www.stpatricksrutland.org or visit us on Facebook to get started or to access your existing account.

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