

St. Patrick Parish

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Serving the People of Rutland, Oakham and Hubbardston

December 16, 2018

2018 First Reconciliation Class

Sophia Annunziata

Camryn Bacon

Emersyn Bacon

Liliana Barahona

Joseph Barbadora

Dean Bennett

Landon Cady

Travis Declan

Zoe Ehrenworth

Kaison Enright

John Falconi

Nathan Ferguson

Caitlin Flynn

Olivia Galvin

Ainsley Herlihy

Logan Horner

Brody Lacey

Lucas Machado

Emily Mall

Cynthia Marc

Sydnee Montejo

Declan O'Connor

Luke Pettes

Paige Pettes

Alyssa Scarborough

Maria Shell

Sebastian Sporna

Annika Stidsen

Sean Sullivan Jr.

Logan Tessier

Ava Troiso

Addison Waldo



Congratulations



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





Papal Weekly Tweets

"Comfort, comfort my people" (Is 40,1). How does the Lord give comfort? With tenderness.



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 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.

Monday, December 17 Day of Adoration

8:00 a.m. Michael Aufiero Requested by Chris

Tuesday, December 18

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

Wednesday, December 19

8:00 a.m. John Galli, Rose, Matt & Matt Jr. Dolan
by Mary Galli

Saturday, December 22

4:00 p.m. Clair & Peter Pecorelli
Requested by the Family

Sunday, December 23

8:00 a.m. Salvatore D. Morelli
Requested by the Family

10:30 a.m. Irene & Leon Lamarche
Requested by Lucille & Bill Bailey

5:00 p.m.

Weekly Schedule

**Sunday
December 16**

**Fr. Jim Kerrigan
Parish Center**
9:15 a.m.–10:15 a.m. CCD Class
Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
1:00 p.m. Church
5:00 p.m.– 7:00 p.m. CCD Class

**Monday
December 17**

Day of Adoration
Following 8:00 a.m. Mass
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 18**

Scripture Study &
Faith Sharing
After 8:00 am Mass
Dismas Farm
Group A Team 1 5:30 p.m.
4:00 p.m.– 5:00 p.m. CCD Class

**Wednesday
December 19**

**Thursday
December 20**

December 9, 2018 Weekly Collection

Higher Utility	\$ 75.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ 1826.00
Human Development	\$ 25.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 504.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 450.00
Christmas	\$ 60.00
Weekly	\$ 6,098.00
Total Weekly Collection	\$ 9,038.00

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 you 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.

Congratulations to our 32 young adults who received Confirmation at the Cathedral of St. Paul on Sunday December 2nd.

Congratulations

Congratulations to those children who made their First Reconciliation on December 9th. Thank you to all the parishioners who prayed for these children over the past few months.

Dear Friends,

As we reach this half way point of Advent called Gaudete Sunday – which translated means rejoice – we can reflect on where we are and how we are doing during this season of preparation. How have we been doing in preparing for Christmas? It can be difficult because there is a great deal going on in our lives: decorating, activities (whether seasonal or not), cleaning, work, school, and more. In short, *time seems to be the big thing lacking in our lives.*

Despite this difficulty, we can always slow down and recognize that God is never far. This past week, a group of us finished the last of six classes on prayer. In this time, I described how to pray a Holy Hour (sometimes it becomes a holy half hour, or holy fifteen minutes, or even less depending on time constraints). A piece of advice that may be pertinent to our busy lives, St. Ignatius speaks of every holy hour or any time of prayer beginning with an act of presence, or to “become aware of the Father’s gaze of Love for you”

“A moment or so before I enter the place where I am to contemplate or meditate, I will stand for the length of an OUR FATHER, and with my consciousness raised on high, I will consider how the LORD my GOD beholds me. Then I will make an act of reverence or humility.” (St. Ignatius – Spiritual Exercises #75)

Even if we are busy in our daily lives, we can always slow down long enough to recognize that God himself is looking upon us with Love. No matter what we’ve done, no matter how good or bad things have become, the Love of God never ceases nor changes. Our response to this Love however, is another story.

God so respects our free will that He will allow us to turn away from His Love. When this turning away or sin consists of grave matter, full knowledge, and full freedom, we cut God out. His love doesn’t change, but we have. This is why when we take a moment to become aware of how the Lord beholds us, it will always be with a love beyond all telling. Coming to this awareness more regularly in our daily lives will help us in our response to God, helping us to continue turning to him in and through the sacraments. As we approach Christmas, let us become more and more aware of the presence of God, who loves us so much, that He sent His only Son into the world.

God Bless,

Fr. Jim

Knights of Columbus
“Keep Christ in Christmas”
Poster Contest

All children ages 5-14 are invited to participate in the KOC “Keep Christ in Christmas” poster contest. The goal is to engage the creative talents and imaginations of our young parishioners. Posters are due to the Parish Center by Tuesday, December 18. All parishioners will be invited to vote after masses next weekend to select the winner in each age group

Rutland Food Pantry Distributions

January

Thursday, January 10, 2019 6:00 -7:30 p.m.
Saturday, January 26, 2019 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.

February

Thursday, February 14, 2019 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, February 23, 2019 9:00 -11:00 a.m.

Food Pantry Wish List

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

As we reflect back on 2018, our hearts are filled with so much gratitude. Gratitude for all the support we receive from our community by way of donations that have overflowed our shelves all year. We are grateful to all who share with others about this ministry and spread the word of our needs. In addition, we are especially grateful for your thoughts and prayers for our families and volunteers.

Special thanks to our own team of volunteers, who sorted, moved, lugged and lifted for Thanksgiving and Christmas, hundreds of pounds of food, winter coats, and gifts. We are most grateful for their commitment to this ministry and their willingness to serve.

TO ALL OF YOU - From the bottom of our hearts – WE THANK YOU!!! Each of us at the Rutland Food Pantry wishes you and your loved ones blessings and peace during this Christmas Season and in the New Year!

On Monday December 17, the parish will have a day of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. This time for prayer allows everyone who wishes to take advantage to pray to Our Lord in the exposed Eucharist on the altar all day long.

We will begin after the 8am Mass with the Blessed Sacrament being exposed for prayer and will end with a closing benediction prayer starting at 5:30pm, concluding with the Eucharist being reposed to the tabernacle. In between the time of Exposition and Benediction, there is silent time for prayer. For us to be able to have a day like this, we need at least one person to be an adorer for each hour the Blessed Sacrament is exposed. If you can help, please signup using the sheets at the

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

Cele Tod

Kay Donoghue

Pat Richards

Janet Ahearn

Sandy Erickson

Elaine Suchocki

Marilyn Zoppo

Clea Blair

"Dick" Quinn

Jim Curtis

Grace Carlson

Joyce Dolan

Dot Tarbell

Art McNutt

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.

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