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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 22, 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

Life only fully makes sense when it is given as a gift. It becomes tasteless when it is lived for itself alone.



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
April 29**

9:15 a.m.–10:15 a.m. CCD Class

**Monday
April 30**

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

**Tuesday
May 1**

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

**Wednesday
May 2**

7:00 p.m.– 8:00 p.m. CCD Class

**Thursday
May 3**

**St. Paul Assembly
K of C 4th degree 7:00 p.m.**

**Friday
April 27**

**Saturday
April 28**

First Communion
10:30 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.

April 22, 2018 Weekly Collection

Higher Utilities	\$ 120.00
Mother's Day	\$ 20.00
Weekly	\$ 4,261.00
Total Weekly Collection	\$ 4,401.00

**Greater Gardner Community Choir
Presents**

“Requiem for the Living”

Sunday, May 6th, at 4PM.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish
52 Spruce Street. Winchendon, MA.

Members of our own St. Patrick's choir
are also members of the
Greater Gardner Community Choir.

Tickets are available at the door.

WEEKDAY MASS

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

Saturday, April 28

5:00 p.m. Debbie Carlson
Requested by The Campbell Family

Sunday, April 29

8:00 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

Monday, April 30

8:00 a.m.

Tuesday, May 1

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

Wednesday, May 2

8:00 a.m. Doris Allen Requested by Lynn & Billy

Friday, May 4

4:00 p.m. 10:30 a.m. First Communion Rehearsal
5:30 p.m. 2:00 p.m. First Communion Rehearsal

Saturday, May 5

10:30 a.m. First Communion
2:00 p.m. First Communion

5:00 p.m. Sharon Alex

Requested by the Campbell Family

Sunday, May 6

8:00 a.m. Ann Croteau 7 year Anniversary
Requested by the Family

10:30 a.m. John & Bernice Doucette & son Walter
Requested by The Ross Family

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,

As we continue our journey with the Saints this week, today we speak of a Saint that a great many of us are very familiar with.

If I said to you the name Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu, you may look at me and ask “who is that”? However, if I said to you the name *Mother Teresa*, then almost everyone knows who I am speaking of. Long before she would become one of the most recognizable figures of the late 20th Century, she was the youngest child of her family. Leaving home at the age of 18, she joined the Sisters of Loreto in Ireland and received the name Sr. Mary Theresa after St Therese of Lisieux*.

In September of 1946, Sr. Theresa would receive from Our Lord an experience in prayer that would changer her life forever:

“...Mother Teresa received her "inspiration, her call within a call." On that day, in a way she would never explain, Jesus' thirst for love and for souls took hold of her heart and the desire to satiate His thirst became the driving force of her life...By means of interior locutions and visions, Jesus revealed to her the desire of His heart for "victims of love" who would "radiate His love on souls." "Come be My light," He begged her. "I cannot go alone."... Jesus revealed His pain at the neglect of the poor, His sorrow at their ignorance of Him and His longing for their love. He asked Mother Teresa to establish a religious community, Missionaries of Charity, dedicated to the service of the poorest of the poor... Nearly two years of testing and discernment passed before Mother Teresa received permission to begin. On August 17, 1948, she dressed for the first time in a white, blue-bordered sari and passed through the gates of her beloved Loreto convent to enter the world of the poor.”(catholic.org)

Mother would serve the poorest of the poor for many years, and a great many would join her in this gift of serving those in most need. It is said by many who encountered her that they knew how close to God she was. Her experience however was very different. After her passing in 1997, it was revealed that her interior life wasn't at all deep consolations, but that she lived in great trial, displaying heroic virtue (one of the requisites for Sainthood) throughout her whole life:

“... her interior life [was] marked by an experience of a deep, painful and abiding feeling of being separated from God, even rejected by Him, along with an ever increasing longing for His love. She called her inner experience, the darkness. The "painful night" of her soul, which began around the time she started her work for the poor and continued to the end of her life, led Mother Teresa to an ever more profound union with God. Through the darkness she mystically participated in the thirst of Jesus, in His painful and burning longing for love, and she shared in the interior desolation of the poor.” (catholic.org)

Mother Teresa was beatified (the second stage on the road to sainthood) in 2003 by St. John Paul II and was canonized September 4, 2016 by Pope Francis. St. Theresa of Calcutta, pray for us.

God Bless,

Fr. Jim

(*The previous is paraphrased from www.catholic.org)

Call for Support!

Please consider becoming a Companion in Service by helping the students of St. Patrick Parish in their effort to practice their faith by participating in Steubenville East and Young Neighbors in Action. Companions in Service pray for the success of these two trips, can come to a presentation about the trips and make a financial contribution.

Thank you to all who have decided to become a Companion in Service.

There are still forms at the entrances to the church or you may make a donation at any time.

Thank you,

The Mission Trip Group and the Steubenville East Group

BEER, BRATS, AND BLESSINGS

SAVE THE DATE

June 2, 2018

Limited Ticket Sales

\$25 Adults

\$7 Children

Rutland Food Pantry Distributions

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.

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.

PARISH YARD/PLANT SALE:

We are planning our second annual yard/plant sale, which will be held in June 16th with a rain date of June 17th. In order to make this happen though, we need volunteers to help out. We will be in need of plants, so as you are cleaning out your gardens, perhaps you could pot up some perennials for the sale. We will also be relying on parishioner's to donate items for the sale. We had an overwhelming response last year (THANK YOU!) And raised well over \$3,000.00 for the parish. This year we will not able to take books (except children's), electronics, heavy furniture or clothing. Drop off for goods will be Friday afternoon/night (more details to follow). In order to make this happen though, we need volunteers, so if you could spare some time on Friday the 15th to sort out goods or Saturday the 16th, please email Donna at donnaevans0407@gmail.com, or call 774-364-1400. If you have any questions, please feel free to call. Once again, thank you for your anticipated help to make this happen!

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

VOLLEYBALL

The Diocese of Worcester sponsors recreational volleyball games during the summer (June 18 -August 13). All high school students and present 8th grade students are invited to participate.



If you are interested, please leave a message with the Religious Education office at 508-886-2010 or email jean@stpatricksrutland.org. You do not need to have any experience – basic rules will be taught. Think about it and respond quickly so we can submit a team. Any questions – use the above contacts.

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