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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](mailto: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



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**Papal Weekly Tweets**

God asks us little and gives us a lot. He asks us to open our hearts and to welcome Him and the most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters.



**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 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. Deacon Pierre Gemme\*  
10 year Anniversary of Ordination of Deacon  
Requested by The Parish

**Monday, April 23**

8:00 a.m.

**Tuesday, April 24**

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

**Wednesday, April 25**

8:00 a.m.

**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.

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

“I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep...and they will heed my voice.” (JOHN 10:14-16) When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Him what He wants from you? How do you listen for His response? Usually, the answer is in “quiet whispers”, so take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His response.

**Weekly Schedule**

Sunday  
April 22

**Fr. Jim Kerrigan**  
**Parish Center**  
9:15 a.m.–10:15 a.m. CCD Class  
Cub Scout Meeting  
3:00 p.m. Church Basement

Monday  
April 23

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

Tuesday  
April 24

Scripture Study & Faith Sharing  
After 8:00 am Mass  
4:00 p.m.– 5:00 p.m. CCD Class  
Dismas Farm  
Group B Team 3 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday  
April 25

7:00 p.m.– 8:00 p.m. CCD Class

Thursday  
April 26

Friday  
April 27

Saturday  
April 28

Food Pantry Distribution  
9:00-11:00 a.m. Church Basement

**TABERNACLE LAMP**



**Marie Belisle**



*April 22, 2018— April 28, 2018*

**April 15 2018 Weekly Collection**

Higher Utilities	\$	108.00
Good Friday	\$	40.00
Easter	\$	90.00
Weekly	\$	3,650.00
<b>Total Weekly Collection</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,888.00</b>

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](http://www.partners-charity.net) to do it online. Thank you!



Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

During his pontificate, Pope St. John Paul II canonized more Saints than any Pope before him. The number was truly astonishing: 480+ Men and Women were canonized during his 27 year pontificate. During these next weeks, I will bring some of them to the foreground with the purpose of showing examples of those who have lived lives of faith, even in the face of great difficulty. The example of their lives I pray will hearten you (as well as myself) on our own journeys of faith. So to start, I begin with one of the first saints to be canonized under St. John Paul: St. Maximilian Kolbe.

I first heard the story of St. Maximilian when I was still in High School, but as it was back then and remains today, it was so powerful. While there is no way I can do his complete story justice, like the many I will recount here, we can go back to his childhood beginning for an important formative moment: As the story goes, then Raymond Kolbe was strongly influenced by a childhood vision of the Blessed Mother: He himself recounted the story as follows:

“That night I asked the Mother of God what was to become of me. Then she came to me holding two crowns, one white, the other red. She asked me if I was willing to accept either of these crowns. The white one meant that I should persevere in purity, and the red that I should become a martyr. I said that I would accept them both” (Catholic.org on St. Maximilian)

A major proponent of Marian Consecration, these words would find their fullness once St. Maximilian was thrown into Auschwitz, the infamous concentration camp where so many would lose their lives.

“Toward the end of his second month in Auschwitz, men were chosen to face death by starvation to warn against escapes. Kolbe was not chosen but volunteered to take the place of a man with a family...It is said during the last days of his life Kolbe led prayers to Our Lady with the prisoners and remained calm. He was the last of the group to remain alive, after two weeks of dehydration and starvation. The guards gave him a lethal injection of carbolic acid. The stories tell that he raised his left arm and calmly awaited death.” (Catholic.org on St. Maximilian)

St. Maximilian laid down his life for others. The man who he saved that fateful day would be in St. Peter’s square all those years later, giving thanks to God like so many others who gathered that day as he was canonized. While you and I may not be called to lay down our lives in such a manner, we are called to *Love one another* as Jesus has loved us. St. Maximilian is the patron saint of drug addicts, prisoners, families, and the pro-life movement.

St. Maximilian Kolbe, pray for us

God Bless,  
Fr. Jim

## **Are You Considering Becoming a Companion in Service?**

Last week in the bulletin and in the announcements we brought up the idea of becoming a “Companion in Service” – by this you are joining our young people going either to Steubenville East or the Mission Trip to Newark, New Jersey. Your participation is not to go with them, but to go by giving and there is a three-fold part to doing this:

- Keeping the members in your thoughts and prayers
- Joining them when they return, if you are able, to hear about their trip and
- Making a financial commitment to help support these trips.

In this weekend’s bulletin there is a commitment form. Please look it over and hopefully decide to be a Companion in Service. If so, please return the form in an envelope to church next weekend (or to the parish center sometime this week). You, our companions, will surely be in the thoughts and prayers of all who benefit from your generosity

***April 22, 2018 — Fourth Sunday of Easter***  
**ACTS 4: 8-12; PS 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29; 1 JN 3: 1-2; JN 10: 11-18**

“He is the stone rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone.” This is St Peter preaching again in the First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles. However, in this instance he is speaking at his own trial. He and St. John had been imprisoned.

What a different man Peter is compared to the man who denied Jesus in fear! Peter is no longer intimidated by the authorities; keep in mind that this is in effect the same court which condemned Christ to crucifixion. Earlier in Acts we witness Peter and the other disciples being filled with the Holy Spirit. This is not a one-time event, but something ongoing throughout their lives.

A woman named Corrie Ten Boom was a resistance leader and practitioner in the Netherlands in World War II. She and her sister provided a hiding place for Jews and others being sought by the Nazis. She later wrote a book titled *The Hiding Place* about those experiences. The Ten Booms were betrayed in 1944, arrested, and brought to trial. What she stated at that trial very much parallels what we hear from St. Peter today. She cited the power of the Holy Spirit.

She said, “Trying to do the Lord’s work in your own strength is the most confusing, exhausting, and tedious of all work. But when you are filled with the Holy Spirit, then the ministry of Jesus just flows out of you.” Like St. Peter and Corrie Ten Boom, we are all filled with the Holy Spirit. Do we let it flow out of us?

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 6<sup>th</sup> and may be placed in the baskets from which they came. We thank you in advance for your continued generosity.



## 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  
clean, good condition

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