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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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May 6, 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

Praying means being with God,
experiencing God, loving God



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, 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

Monday, May 7

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

Tuesday, May 8

8:00 a.m. Scotty Bies 2nd Anniversary

Requested by Michael and Karen Cove

Wednesday, May 9

8:00 a.m.

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

Weekly Schedule

**Fr. Jim Kerrigan
Parish Center**

**Sunday
May 6**

9:15 a.m.–10:15 a.m. CCD Class

Cub Scout Meeting
3:00 p.m. Church Basement

**Monday
May 7**

4:00 p.m.– 5:00 p.m. CCD Class

7:00 p.m.– 8:00 p.m. CCD Class

**Tuesday
May 8**

Scripture Study & Faith Sharing
After 8:00 am Mass

4:00 p.m.– 5:00 p.m. CCD Class

**Wednesday
May 9**

7:00 p.m.– 8:00 p.m. CCD Class

**Thursday
May 10**

Food Pantry Distribution
6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Church Basement

April 29, 2018 Weekly Collection

Higher Utilities	\$	85.00
Mother's Day	\$	145.00
Easter	\$	125.00
Good Friday	\$	10.00
Ascension	\$	10.00
<u>Weekly</u>	\$	<u>4,037.00</u>
Total Weekly Collection	\$	4,412.00

**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

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,

Before continuing our series on the Saints, I wish to congratulate our 1st Communicants who received for the first time the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist yesterday. Please keep our young people in your daily prayers that they continue to grow in Holiness and they receive the Gift of Jesus each and every week.

In honor of the feast day of St. Joseph the Worker (dedicated to St. Joseph as the provider and protector of the Holy Family), we remember a Saint who in spite of his littleness, was able to accomplish a great deal because of his great devotion to St. Joseph.

“When Alfred Bessette came to the Holy Cross Brothers in 1870, he carried with him a note from his pastor saying, ‘I am sending you a saint.’ The Brothers found that difficult to believe” (catholic.org) Brother Andre, as he would become known, had chronic stomach problems that really prevented him from working well. He could neither, read or write or even hold down a steady job. “...But he was prayerful and deeply devoted to God and Saint Joseph... After his vows, Brother Andre was sent to Notre Dame College in Montreal (a school for boys age seven to twelve) as a porter. There his responsibilities were to answer the door, to welcome guests, find the people they were visiting, wake up those in the school, and deliver mail. Brother Andre joked later, ‘At the end of my novitiate, my superiors showed me the door, and I stayed there for forty years.’” (catholic.org)

With little to no money, Brother Andre approached the Archbishop of Montreal requesting permission to build a chapel dedicated to St. Joseph. “The Archbishop granted him permission to keep building as long as he didn't go into debt.”(catholic.org) Work started slowly as Brother Andre used what little money he had to build a small wooden shelter. Gaining further permissions three years later, “He started by adding a roof so that all the people who were coming to hear Mass at the shrine wouldn't have to stand out in the rain and the wind. Then came walls, heating, a paved road up the mountain, a shelter for pilgrims, and finally a place where Brother Andre and others could live and take care of the shrine -- and the pilgrims who came - full-time. Through kindness, caring, and devotion, Brother Andre helped many souls experience healing and renewal on the mountaintop. There were even cases of physical healing. But for everything, Brother Andre thanked St. Joseph.” (catholic.org)

St. Joseph Oratory stands to this day in Montreal, a seating capacity of 2,400 people and a testament to what one can do with great love and devotion such as St. Andre Bessette had to St. Joseph. “On December 19, 2009, Pope Benedict XVI promulgated a decree recognizing a second miracle at Blessed Andre's intercession and on October 17, 2010, Pope Benedict XVI formally declared sainthood for Blessed Andre.” (Catholic.org)

St. Andre Bessette, pray for us.

God Bless,

Fr. Jim

Thank You

The Mission Trip Group and the Steubenville East Group heartily thank all those who donated to defray the cost of their trips. We welcome you all as Companions in Service and look forward to showing pictures and telling you about our trips. Even if you did not fill out a form, we hope you will come and learn about our expeditions when we return. Please continue praying for us.

Anyone still wishing to help may do so by placing the donation in an envelope labeled – Mission Trip/ Steubenville East.

Thank you again.

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.

Greater Gardner Community Choir Presents

“Requiem for the Living”

Sunday, May 6th, at 4PM.

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**Members of our own St. Patrick's choir
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Greater Gardner Community Choir.

Tickets are available at the door.

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.

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.

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.

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!

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