

NATICK CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Saint Linus Church
119 Hartford Street

Saint Patrick Church
46 East Central Street

Administrator: Rev. George Hines
Parochial Vicar: Rev. Michael Alfano
Parochial Vicar: Rev. Thomas Sullivan

Parish Office: 44 East Central Street, Natick, 508-653-1093 **Fax:** 508-650-2922
Religious Education Office: 508-653-1093 **St. Patrick Cemetery:** 978-208-0266
Website: natickcatholic.org

MASS SCHEDULE

ST. LINUS

Sunday 9 a.m.
Sunday 5 p.m.

Handicap Accessible



MASS SCHEDULE

ST. PATRICK

MONDAY — FRIDAY 8 a.m.
Saturday 4 p.m.
Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Patrick lower church: Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm.
Also by appointment; please call the office.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism is celebrated the second & third Sunday of the month at 1:00pm.

Please call the Rectory to make the necessary arrangements.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Couples must contact the Priest at least six months prior to any other marriage plans.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

Please call the rectory to request Communion, Visitation or Anointing of the Sick for anyone who is confined to home or a hospital.

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL RELIEF

Direct Line: 508-509-1736 ALL calls are confidential

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Daily 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. ; check Facebook day of for location.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 9:00am - 3:30pm, Friday:
9:00am to 12:00noon

Monday-Friday: Daily Rosary 7:30 a.m.

DECEMBER 18TH, 2022
FORTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." - Mt 1:21

DECEMBER 18TH, 2022 — FORTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

St. Linus Mass Intentions

Sun Dec. 18, 9am Joseph, Catherine, & Robert Rubsam
 Sun Dec 18, 5pm Christine Lenhard (17th Anniversary)
 Sun Dec. 25, 9am **Christmas Day**
 Sun Dec. 25, 5pm **Christmas Day**

St. Patrick Mass Intentions

Sat, Dec. 17, 4pm: Peter Smith & Wendy Smith
 Sun, Dec. 18, 7:30am: Melissa Passarelli
 Sun, Dec. 18, 11am: Jack & Jane Boyle
 Mon, Dec. 19, 8am: Dina Cosquete
 (Birthday Remembrance)
 Tues, Dec. 20, 8am George Butler (2nd Anniversary)
 Wed, Dec. 21, 8am: John Cochrane & Family
 Thurs, Dec. 22, 8am: Ted Higginson & Family
 Fri, Dec. 23, 8am: Cynthia "Chickee" Murray
 Sat, Dec. 24, 4pm: **Christmas Eve**
 Sun, Dec. 25, 7:30am: **Christmas Day**
 Sun, Dec. 25, 11am: **Christmas Day**



Rest in Peace

Let us pray for those who have died,
 especially,
Anthony Ferlazzo
& John Skinner
 May all of our faithful departed rest in
 peace.

**Behold, the virgin shall conceive
 and bear a son,
 and they shall name him Emmanuel,
 which means "God is with us." When Joseph
 awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had com-
 manded him and took his wife into his home. -
 Mt 1:23-24**



Thank you for supporting our parishes.

God bless you

St Linus Parish Support: Week of Dec. 4TH, 2022

Budgeted Offertory	Collection + Electronic	=	Total Offertory Received
\$7,000.00	\$3555.00+	\$507.00=	\$4062.00

St Patrick Parish Support: Week of Dec 4TH, 2022

Budgeted Offertory	Collection + Electronic	=	Total Offertory Received
\$15,500.00	\$7056.00+	\$1698.11 =	\$8754.

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR
PARISHES.**

Readings for the week of December 18, 2022

Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c, 10b]/
 Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

Monday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab,
 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

Tuesday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3,
 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45

Thursday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/
 Lk 1:46-56

Friday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and
 14/Lk 1:57-66

Saturday: *Morning:* 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/
 Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67-79

Next Sunday: *Vigil:* Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/
 Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25
Or 1:18-25 Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3,
 11-12, 13/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/
 Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 *Day:* Is 52:7-10/
 Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3]/
 Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14



Sanctuary Candles Will Be Lit

The Week of December 18th for
 at St Linus Church

Claire and Andrew Lawson

at St Patrick Church

Frank Corcell & Mellissa Passarelli

**The following children were
 recently incorporated
 into the Body of Christ, the Church:**
Nora Catherine Vincent

&

Colton Michael

With Gods grace and the support of their parents and
 their Godparents , may these newly baptized children
 become mature believers, reaching to the very
 height of Christ's full stature
 (Eph, 4:13).



NATICK CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



The Nativity of the Lord

Holy Day Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve Vigil

(Saturday, December 24th)

4:00pm Mass (St. Linus)

4:00pm Mass (St. Patrick)

Christmas Day

(Sunday, December 25th)

Midnight Mass

12am (St. Patrick)

7:30am (St. Patrick)

9:00am (St. Linus)

11:00am (St. Patrick)



PLEASE PRAY FOR: Ann Teresa Allen, Michelle Anderson, Jim Annear, Alexandra Barr, Grace Katherine Barrett, Mack & Finn Carlson, Harrison Che, Ross Cigna,, Jay Cormier, Richard Cunningham, Miguel Espada & Family, Tom Feola, Patrick Foley, Amy Gertz, Paul E. Hegarty, David Henderson, Denise Gladu, Mateo Goldman, Sandra Green, Jeanne Gross, Marsha Ryan-Henry, Patrick Hurley, Cynthia Johnson, Nikki Joyal, Kathleen Kennedy, Mary Kennedy, Brian Keville, Barbara Lavin, Haylie Leonard, Anna Leskanic, Helen MacDonald, Monique Marcott, Anne Martin, Donna McIntosh, Jennifer McKenna, Sara Kate Muleski, Ed Mulholland, Peter Ramjug, Barbara Peoples, Sue Peters, Camilla T. Pollock, Louise Quilliam, David Ricciuti, Maura Roberts, Valerie Rooney,, Marie Roy, Joseph Scarlata, Sister Barbara,, Gavin Tokarski, Matthew Tokarski, Judy Weinbergs, Brian & David Wagner, James Weber, Curtis Wells, Amy Noel Wyman, Julie,



and all the Sick in Our Parishes. Amen.

BIBLE STUDY

OLD TESTAMENT STORIES OF FAITH

Father Michael invites you to join us every

Monday afternoon from 2:00 - 3:15 pm.

Our topic of study will be: Old Testament Stories of Faith. This program will be shared throughout the autumn semester via Zoom.

For Zoom Log-in Information, please contact the NCC Office (508) 653-1093 ,
M-Th, 9am-4pm or Fri. 9am-12pm

December 19th will be the last Fall Session

NATICK CATHOLIC COMMUNITY FAITH
FORMATION PROGRAM INVITES YOU TO
OUR ANNUAL PRESENTATION OF

LESSONS AND CAROLS

Please join us December 18th at St. Linus following the 9:00 Mass for this beautiful celebration of the Nativity featuring our faith formation students. Cookies and Cocoa will be served downstairs following Lessons and Carols.



How exactly are we preparing our hearts for the greatest gift we've ever been given?

Through an exploration of the mystery of the Incarnation, the Virgin Birth, and the events surrounding the arrival of Jesus, this Advent study offers an opportunity to experience the joy of the true meaning of **Christmas.**

We will meet on Sundays -

December 18 at 12 noon in St. Patrick

Lower Church. Please contact Jennifer at

jmckiernan@natickcatholic.org for more information or to sign up for this series. We hope you can join us!

NATICK CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NOTICES



Teen GROUP

**5 PM MASS FOLLOWED BY
DINNER & FRIENDSHIP**

ST. LINUS CHURCH

Dates:

11/20 2/26
12/18 3/26
1/29 4/30

FOR MORE INFO PLEASE EMAIL DAWN SULLIVAN AT
DSULLIVAN@NATICKCATHOLIC.ORG

Seeking

Confirmation Prayer Partners

Dear Natick Catholic Community,

We are blessed to have 70 teenagers preparing for Confirmation this year. As these students complete their religious education journey toward the Sacrament of Confirmation, our new Confirmation Prayer Partner program will strive to pair each Confirmation student with an adult member of our Church who will pray for them leading up to (and after) their Confirmation. If you are interested in becoming a Prayer Partner for one of our 70 teenagers, please email me at dsullivan@natickcatholic.org, or call the Parish Office. Once all 70 prayer partners are received, we will assign partners.

Please consider this wonderful way to support our Confirmation program through the gift of prayer.

God Bless, Dawn Sullivan

Confirmation Coordinator and Youth Minister
dsullivan@natickcatholic.org



Christmas Children's Choir

The Children's Choir will be singing at the
**4pm Christmas Eve Mass at
St. Linus** this year.



If your child is interested in
joining the choir
please contact
Mr. Sawyer at
wsawyer@natickcatholic.org

The 20 & 30 Somethings: Natick Catholic's Young Adult Group

Where Traditionalists and Revolutionaries

Share a Table

Check FB for updates!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/stpatsyoungadults>

Wednesdays 6:30 Bible Study in Natick:

Then 8:15 Dinner and Drinks!

(Check Facebook day of for location)

**Other Events: Check FB for updates/events like
Theology on Tap, Music, Paintball,
Hikes, Service and more!**

**For questions Contact Joe Webb at
jwebb@natickcatholic.org**



Children's Liturgy of the Word

We invite all children in elementary school (K-4) to join us on Sundays during the 9am Mass to celebrate and reflect on the Sunday Gospel readings in an age appropriate way. We are also in need of 3-5 volunteers to help with this liturgy. If you are interested, please contact Christine at

cackerman1976@gmail.com.

2022-2023 CLOW Dates (during our 9:00 a.m. Mass at
St. Linus Church

December 4 and 18
January 8, 15 and 29
February 12 and 19
March 5 and 19

April 2 (Palm Sunday) and 16
May 14 and 28
June 11



COMMUNITY EVENTS

TEEN GROUP ADVENT FIELD TRIP! OUR LADY OF FATIMA SHRINE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

SUNDAY DECEMBER 18, 2022

Come join the Natick Catholic Teen Group on a field trip to Our Lady of Fatima Shrine in Holliston to view the Christmas Festival of Lights followed by "breakfast for dinner" at St. Linus Church.

Please contact Dawn Sullivan at dsullivan@natickcatholic.org to sign up!



THE GIVING TREE AT ST. LINUS

The Giving Tree at St. Linus gives us the opportunity to make Christmas a joyful celebration for many others.

Please Bring your donations to the Rectory Office at St. Patrick's **ASAP**

Thank you for your generosity!

Merry Christmas
and may God bless you!



Coffee & Donuts at St. Patrick Church

Please Join us in the lower Church after the 11am Mass for Coffee, Donuts, and fellowship, on 12/18

If your interested in helping please contact Jenn

@ jmckiernan@natickcatholic.org.

St. Linus Sunday Coffee & Donuts!

Join us in the lower Church after the 9am Sunday Mass.
Every Sunday!



St. Vincent de Paul Society

Jesse Tree Christmas Gift Card Drive at St. Patrick

Please Bring Your Donations to
the St. Patrick's Rectory
Office **ASAP**

Have a Blessed Christmas! God Bless You!!!

-----Society of St. Vincent de Paul----



The Society of St. Vincent DePaul is most grateful for your continued support. We pray that you and your family are healthy and safe.

Current Food Pantry needs include:

Gift cards to Market Basket, Roche Bros, Stop & Shop, or Wegmans, Target and Walmart
(Please mail to the parish office at 44 East Central St.)

Many thanks to all!

**Rice Pilaf, Quick Bread Mix,
Laundry Detergent, Paper Towels,
Tissues, Toilet Paper.**

Online Giving @ paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/2165670 Your search will lead you to: MW08 St Patrick Conference (the original name of this Conference). Click "Donate" and you are on your way!

If you experience any problems, call 508-509-1736.

St Vincent DePaul CLOTHING DONATION BINS

are located in the parking lot of

St Patrick for donations of clean clothing.

1-508-509-1736.*All calls are confidential*



DECEMBER 18TH, 2022

respect life

Pro-Life Committee

Many thanks to all who joined us for our November meeting! If you are interested in joining our Committee please contact Jennifer at jmckiernan@natickcatholic.org. Please take a moment to look at the weekly Pro-Life Box below to learn more about the many important issues included under umbrella of our Pro-Life Ministry and stay tuned for upcoming educational and informative experiences we will be offering to our parishioners in the coming months!

Top Reasons to Oppose Assisted Suicide

Read the full version at respectlifeprogram.org/reasons-against-assisted-suicide.

Some polls indicate that the public is receptive to assisted suicide. But the same polls show that people's views shift when they learn about its dangers—especially the dangers for those who are poor, elderly, disabled, or without access to good medical care. Consider that, in Oregon and California, some patients' health insurance offered to pay for assisted suicide, but not treatment. And in states where assisted suicide is legal, often no psychiatric evaluation or treatment is required. Additionally, assisted suicide fosters discrimination by creating two classes of people: those whose suicides we spend millions of dollars to prevent and those whose suicides we assist and treat as a positive good.

Assisted suicide fosters discrimination.

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It's not how much
we give
but how much love
we put
into giving.

MOTHER THERESA

Grand Annual Appeal Totals

2022-2023

Week of December 4th

St. Linus \$37,720.00

St. Patrick \$34,295.00

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!
GOD BLESS YOU!**



CYCLE PREP

with Christina Valenzuela



Please join us for a live workshop for parents and their daughters (suggested ages 9-12) called Cycle Prep, hosted by Christina Valenzuela.

This engaging presentation covers anatomy and the menstrual cycle, teaching girls practical tips on how to navigate these changes with positivity and to create a Culture of Care for one another. It blends accurate, age-appropriate biology with sound teaching on the dignity and goodness of our bodies.

Cycle Prep is pediatrician-reviewed, and was a Finalist in the 2021 Our Sunday Visitor Innovation Challenge. The program has gained national recognition in dioceses across the United States, including an upcoming feature with the NFP Program at the USCCB. Christina is a certified NFP instructor and the owner of Pearl & Thistle, LLC, where she offers lifelong learning programs to help Catholics grow in body literacy. www.pearlandthistle.com

What: Cycle Prep Workshop

Who: Parents and Daughters (suggested ages 9-12)

When: Saturday, January 28th at 11 AM

Where: St. Patrick Lower Hall

To register, please visit: <https://natickcatholic.org/cycle-prep-presentation>