

## St. Patrick Parish

1 Cross St., Whitinsville, MA 01588

*Our Mission Statement: "Love God.  
Love One Another. Grow Disciples."*

*December 16, 2018*



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SUNDAY  
OF ADVENT

John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." Luke 3:16

## Welcome

**St. PATRICK PARISH: 'A Faith Community since 1870' - Rectory Phone: 508-234-5656**  
**MASS SCHEDULE:** Saturday: 4:30 PM; Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 5:00 PM ; Monday-Wednesday 8:30 AM  
**SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION:** Confessions are offered every Saturday from 3:30 - 4:00 PM in the Church or by calling the Parish Office for an appointment.

### Parish Staff



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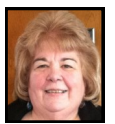
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*Members of the family requesting the Mass are asked to bring the gifts of bread and wine to the altar. Please make yourselves known to the lector and sit near the gifts.*

### Weekend of December 15/16

- Sat., 4:30 PM** + Clare (3rd) and Joseph (9th) Briand  
- by the Briand Family
- Sun., 8:00 AM** + Lucille Roy & William Susienka, Sr.  
- by their Family
- Sun., 10:00 AM** + Eliza Orellana  
- by Mary and Ken Glendenning
- Sun., 5:00 PM** + Sarah Kilby (2nd Anniv.)  
- by her Family

### December 17-21 8:30 AM

***If school is cancelled or delayed for Northbridge Public Schools due to inclement weather then Mass is cancelled.***

- Monday** + Parishioners of St. Patrick Parish  
- by
- Tuesday** + Louis & Ann Gerbi  
- Rosalie Lamontagne
- Wednesday** + Parishioners of St. Patrick Parish
- Thursday - No Mass**
- Friday - No Mass**

### Weekend of December 22/23

- Sat., 4:30 PM** + Christine Menard  
- by Don Menard
- Sun., 8:00 AM** + Mary Bisbee  
- by her Husband, Raymond and the Duvernay Family
- Sun., 10:00 AM** + Raymond Kane (50th Anniv.)  
- by his Family
- Sun., 5:00 PM** + Kristen LeBlanc Morse  
- by Bette and Bud Bartlett

**The Mass book is open for the months of January-March. If you would like to book a mass in memory of a loved one please call the rectory at 508-234-5656.**



## FAITH FORMATION

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

Pre school-Grade 1 Sunday 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM  
 Grades 2-5: Sun. 8:45 AM *including attending the*  
 10AM Mass

Children are to attend the 10:00 am Mass with their parents/guardians and take part in the Children's Liturgy of the Word. When called up they will be blessed and will proceed downstairs for a special homily just for them.

Grades 6, 7 & 8 Monday - 6:45 PM - 8:00 PM  
 High School: Sunday 5:00-7:30 PM Formal High School  
 Classes will take place September-March at varied dates.  
 session begins with the 5:00 PM Mass followed by High  
 School Programming in the center until 7:30 PM.



The Chapel is available for families to use during Masses on the weekend. Mass is streamed in and there is plenty of room for our younger parishioners to roam around.



We have a 5:00 PM Mass Sunday evenings  
 Come and Try it.



### Adoration Continues: Every Wednesday

3:00-7:00 PM in the Chapel

Do you have a 1/2 hour or hour to spend before the Blessed Sacrament? Stop in, and say a prayer. You will be glad you did.



### Weekly Prayer Group & Bible Study:

Wednesday 7:00-8:00 PM in the Chapel  
 All Are Welcome!

### OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL

71 Mendon Street, Uxbridge, MA 01569  
 508-278-5851

[www.ourladyofthevalleyregional.com](http://www.ourladyofthevalleyregional.com)



**Sacrament of Baptism:** For information concerning our Parent and Godparent Preparation Program, please contact the Parish Office approximately three to six months before the child is born.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Confessions are offered every Saturday from 3:30 - 4:00 PM in the Church or by calling the Parish Office for an appointment.



**Sacrament of Matrimony:** Couples should contact a Parish Priest as soon as they decide to marry and before any other arrangements are made. The Diocesan policy requires a minimum one-year period of preparation.

### Sacrament of the Sick & Homebound Visits

Please inform us when a family member is admitted to the hospital. Communion visits to the aged, sick, convalescing and homebound are a major concern to us. Please call the Rectory at 508-234-5656 to arrange these ministerial visits.



## LIFE IN THE PARISH

**Office Hours: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

Rectory Phone: 508-234-5656  
 Rectory Fax: 508-234-6845  
 Religious Ed. Phone: 508-234-3511  
 Parish Website: [www.mystpatrickss.com](http://www.mystpatrickss.com)



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### Are You New to St. Patrick Parish?

Become a member by going to [mystpatrickss.com](http://mystpatrickss.com) to register on-line. Do you have students to register for Religious Education? Go to the Religious Education tab and register on-line, or by the office.



### Upcoming Second Collections:

Dec. 25: Christmas No Date: Christmas Flowers

### Upcoming Meetings/Events:

**Emergency Shelter, Tuesdays weather permitting call 508-266-5122 to check if it is open.**

Dec. 16: Christmas Basket Program in Parish Center  
 Dec. 16: Grades 2-5 at 8:45 to 9:45 AM in Parish Center  
 Dec. 16: Faith Formation, Pre-Gr. 1, 10-11 AM, Gr. 9 & 10, 5-7:30 PM  
 Dec. 16: Agape Café after 10:00 AM Mass in Parish Center  
 Dec. 16: YNIA Senior Meeting, 11:30 AM, Center  
 Dec. 17: Faith Formation: Gr. 6,7,8, 6:45-8:00 PM  
 Dec. 18: Cantor Rehearsal, 7 PM, Church  
 Dec. 22: NO JOHN 21 COMMUNITY BREAKFAST TODAY  
 Dec. 23: NO FAITH FORMATION TODAY  
 Dec. 24: NO FAITH FORMATION TONIGHT  
 Dec. 30: NO FAITH FORMATION TODAY  
 Dec. 30: **Lessons & Carols, 2:00-5:00 PM, Church**  
 Dec. 31: NO FAITH FORMATION TONIGHT

### RCIA The Rite of Christian Initiation of

**Adults** teaches the history, traditions and Sacraments of the Roman Catholic Church. Non-Catholics or Catholic Adults seeking information about full initiation into the Catholic Church, through Baptism, Eucharist or Confirmation, should contact Deacon Chris Finan at (508) 234-5656.



### Music Ministry

**Cantor Rehearsal:** First and Third Tuesdays  
 7:00-8:30 PM

**Contemporary Music Ensemble Rehearsals:**  
 Second & Fourth Tuesday 7:00-9:00 PM



**New Members are Always Welcome in any Music**

### Prayer Shawl Ministry



As a parishioner of St. Patrick's, you can request a Prayer Shawl for someone whom you feel needs comfort by calling or e-mailing Tina Pilibosian at 508-887-0497 or [cpilibosian@gmail.com](mailto:cpilibosian@gmail.com) or call Shelly or Jackie at the rectory at 508-234-5656

## Gaudete Sunday – Rejoice



Today is known as Gaudete Sunday, from the first word of the entrance song in Latin, “*Rejoice*”! We are called this third Sunday of Advent to indeed rejoice, because our God loves us and has come to save us. But wait! Who else is doing the rejoicing? None other than our God. According to the prophet Zephaniah, whom we hear in our first reading this Gaudete Sunday, God, having removed all those things John the Baptist urges people to drop in Luke’s Gospel today, will join in the rejoicing too! Amazing! The prophet tells us “The Lord, your God...will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in his love; he will sing joyfully because of you, as one sings at festivals.”

As we continue to unpack our message series for this Advent season, *Simply Yes*, we can rejoice right along with our God as we invite him into every aspect of our decision making, as we try to change our lives according to his purpose, as we allow him to change our hearts and our behavior, by putting God at the center of our lives.

As the Christmas Story continues to unfold before us this Advent season, we can all rejoice for the gift of our faith, which calls us to change, to believe and to love God and neighbor. God bless you all as you allow God to enter more deeply into your lives!

Rejoice! *Deacon Patrick*



## St. Patrick’s Global Mission to Haiti June 16-22, 2019

Please join us at an informational meeting about our 2019 Mission:

**Sunday, December 16th  
about 11:15 AM (after the 10 AM mass)  
at The Whitin Community Center**

We are putting together another team to head back to Grand-Goâve, Haiti in 2019... and you are invited!!!

In June, our team of 16 people — no different from you — said “YES!” Consequently, we were able to build a safe, sturdy home for a single mother and her three young children. It wouldn’t be considered much here, but for that family it was life-changing — literally. And life-changing for each of us, too.

Traveling with “Be Like Brit” helped us get to know the children and staff at Brit’s Home (the non-adoption orphanage where we stayed), provided the opportunity to see the greater Grand-Goâve community and opened our eyes to the beautiful Haitian people and their rich culture. The 2018 team from St. Patrick’s will be sharing more about our experience over the next few months, so please stay tuned! In the meantime...

We are hosting an **informational meeting on Sunday, December 16th about 11:15 AM (after the 10 AM mass) at The Whitin Community Center**... everyone is welcome! If you have questions or may be considering joining us in 2019, this is the place to be! Volunteers from our trip this year will be there, too!

Information can also be found on our website... <https://mystpatrickss.com/mission-haiti> and at <https://www.belikebrit.org/> Please contact Kate Salmon-Robinson if you are interested or have any questions... [katesalmon@aol.com](mailto:katesalmon@aol.com) or 508-254-7766.



Seeking interested volunteers! The Christmas season is here and there is much work to be done to prepare the church. Work will be done on December 21 starting at 3 o’clock and going until seven. Pizza will be provided. Another time will be on December 23 at 6:00pm in order to finalize everything. Please remember, many hands make light work! Any questions, contact Ray Kane at

[rjkane76@gmail.com](mailto:rjkane76@gmail.com) or 5083412240.

**Advent and Christmas, 2018  
Calendar of Events**



**Advent Mass Schedule:**

Saturdays: 4:30 PM    Sundays: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 5:00PM

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Confessions are offered on Saturdays from 3:30 - 4:00 PM

Please return all gifts and cards by 12:00 noon on December 16th.

**Christmas Schedule:**

**Monday, Dec. 24:** Masses at 4:30 PM & Midnight

**Tuesday, December 25:** Mass at 10:00 AM

**SAVE  
THE  
DATE**

**Lessons and Carols:  
Sunday, Dec. 30 at 2:00 PM  
in the Church**



The Emergency Shelter is up and running here at St. Patrick's. Thank you to those that have helped make it possible. We still have some needs. Gift cards in the amount of \$5.00 only

to local restaurants. (McDonalds, Subway, Burger King, Dunkin Donuts, & Harry's etc.)

We are looking for volunteers to help those individuals who utilize the shelter. For further information please contact, St. Patrick's Site Coordinator:

Fred Beauregard [fbmbcbjb@charter.net](mailto:fbmbcbjb@charter.net)



**Parish Giving:**

Budgeted Average Weekly: \$8,500.00

Actual w/e: 12/10/2018: \$7,429.00

**Agape Café Today!**

**at St. Patrick's**

**Is today after the 10:00 AM Mass**

**All are welcome to join us  
for Coffee & Donuts**



*Join us in the Parish Center for a time to socialize!*

The Agape Café needs your help! If you can spare a little time on Sunday morning, help is needed picking up the donuts, setting up, making coffee, and cleaning up. In particular, a coordinator is needed for January 6th & February 10th. This is a great opportunity for a family to volunteer on any given Sunday! If you can help, please speak to Denise Cahalane on Sunday morning or text her at 774-573-0922. There will also be sign up sheets at the cafe. Hope to see you there!

**Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common  
Home: *Prayers Needed!***



Pleased pray for the dedicated implementation of the strategies and commitments made by world leaders from over 200 countries at the United Nations Climate Change Conference that met in Poland on December 14th.

These leaders discussed commitments and actions that need to be taken since the Paris Climate Agreement, sooner deadlines, and new strategies and actions in order to meet the new 2030 emissions goal schedule for having zero carbon emissions by 2050 re; reducing greenhouse gas emissions, reducing carbon footprint.



**NAC Food Pantry (508-234-4599)  
Open Tues. 10 AM - Noon & Thurs. 1:00-3:00 PM**

Please remember those that are less fortunate. The NAC Food Pantry helps local area families, and will accept any nonperishable food in date. If you would like to donate please drop items off in the boxes at the entrance of the Church or drop a donation in the basket marked for the NAC Food Pantry.

**DON'T FORGET!** Get your Manger Scene Raffle Ticket Stub and Money back to us  
*before the 10:00 AM Mass on Sunday, December 16th.*



**Giving Tree Gifts**

**Please be sure to return all gifts to the Parish Center no later than 12:00 Noon this Sunday, December 16th with the tags securely attached to all of the packages. Toys and clothing gifts should be wrapped.**

*It is very important that all tags are returned on time. The needy families who are receiving these items are coming to St. Patrick's on the same day to pick up all of these very generous donations.*





**Gift Certificates  
Available!  
The John 21  
Community  
Breakfast Ministry**

now has gift/donation certificates available. If you would like to donate in someone's name to this valuable ministry, please call Shelly at the parish office, 508-234-5656, to ask for a certificate.

**Thank You!**

**St. Patrick's John 21 Community Breakfast ministry provides a free, nutritious breakfast every Saturday morning in the spirit of community fellowship and hospitality from 8-10 AM for those in need in St. Patrick's Parish Center.**

**Prayer for Those in the Service**



*Almighty God, we stand before you asking for your divine mercy and protection. Embrace with your invincible armor our loved ones in all branches of the service. Give them courage and strength against all enemies both spiritual and physical and hasten their safe journey back to their homes and families. Amen*

**Please remember the following service personnel in your Prayers as they serve and protect our country:**

Pvt. Tyler Finnigan, US Army, Ft. Devens, MA L.Cpl. Aaron Marshall, Okinawa, Eric Hoyt, Machinist 1st Class, USS Dwight D. Eisenhower, U.S. Army, L.Cpl. Troy Monteville, Stateside, Ensign Robert Baker, USCG Cutter Dependable, Capt. Jason Jordan, US Army, So. Korea, Michael DeFazio Deployed, Nicole DeFazio Deployed USS Monterey CG61.

**FAITH FACTS**

The reading from the Book of the Prophet Zephaniah

Zephaniah was one of the prophets of the Old Testament.

He probably wrote his book some time between 640 and 620 B.C. In his writing, he calls for the people of Israel to change their ways and live according to God's Law.

Zephaniah wrote when a young king, Josiah, was on the throne. The two kings before Josiah had been Manasseh and Amon. During their reigns, the religious life of Israel had fallen to a low state.



The first words of the reading, in Hebrew

**A PICTURE FOR YOU TO FINISH**



GOSPEL READING: LUKE 3: 10-18

