

St. Patrick Parish

1 Cross St., Whitinsville, MA 01588

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

February 17, 2019

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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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 February 16/17

Sat., 4:30 PM

+ Labby and Grace Massicotte

- by their children Kathleen, Ellen, Peter,

Jane and Stephen

Sun., 8:00 AM + People of St. Patrick Parish

Sun., 10:00 AM + Rose Courville (5th Anniv.)

- by her Family

Sun., 5:00 PM + People of St. Patrick Parish

February 18-22 (8:30 AM Unless Otherwise Noted)

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

Monday

+ Doug Brown

- by Lou and Nancy Pepin

Tuesday

+ People of St. Patrick Parish

Wednesday

+ Louis and Ann Gerbi

- by their Daughter, Rosalie

Thursday and Friday - No Mass

Weekend of February 23/24

Sat., 4:30 PM

+ Ryan Kuizinas

- by the Beauregard Family

Sun., 8:00 AM + People of St. Patrick Parish

Sun., 10:00 AM + People of St. Patrick Parish

Sun., 5:00 PM + People of St. Patrick Parish

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

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

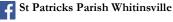
Office Hours: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Rectory Phone: 508-234-5656 **Rectory Fax:** 508-234-6845 Religious Ed. Phone: 508-234-3511 Parish Website: www.mystpatricks.com



Find us on Facebook at St Patricks Parish Whitinsville

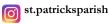
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Are You New to St. Patrick Parish?

Become a member by going to mystpatricks.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:

Feb. 17: Utilities No Date: Catholic Free Press

Upcoming Baptism:

Feb. 24: Emily Dauphinais, 10:00 AM, Church

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

Shelter at St. Patrick's Every Tuesday (Depending on the Weather) - Call 508-266-5122

Feb. 17: NO FAITH FORMATION TODAY

Feb. 18: NO FAITH FORMATION TONIGHT

Feb. 21: RCIA Team -Evening of Healing and Reflection, 7 -8:30 PM

Feb. 24: Faith Formation, Pre-Gr. 1, 10-11AM, Center; Gr. 2-5, 8:45-9:45 AM, Center; Grs. 9&10, 5-7:30 PM, Center

Feb. 25: Faith Formation: Gr. 6,7,8, 6:45-8 PM, Center

Feb. 26: Contemporary Music Ensemble Rehearsal, 7 PM, Church

Feb. 27: Blackstone Valley Quilters Meeting, 6:30-9 PM, Center

Mar. 2: YNIA Retreat, 12-8 PM, Center

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, 7-8:30 PM

Contemporary Music Ensemble Rehearsals:

Second & Fourth Tuesday 7:00-9:00 PM

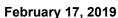
New Members are Always Welcome in any Music Ministry

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 or call Shelly or Jackie at the rectory at 508-234-5656





Reflections:

Agape Café – Come In and Share Yourself

At the beginning of the year we began a new ministry here at St Patrick's called Agape Café. A big part of building community in any organization is fellowship, especially a faith community. What better way is it to build community than to start with Agape, which is a form of Love that we receive from God - a self-giving of oneself.

At Agape Café, we all have the opportunity to come together, sharing some "coffee and donuts, juice and milk" but more importantly our very lives as we meet and greet different members of our community, that we may or may not know. It is an opportunity to share your lives in conversation and fellowship.

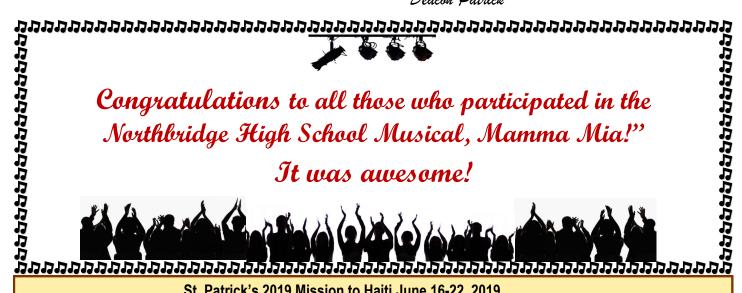
As you read this you might say, "well, I go to the 4:30, or 8 or 5 PM Masses so I don't have the opportunity." While this may be very true, since we are just beginning this new ministry, we have the Café open right now during or at the center of our parish life of leaning, religious Ed, and centrally located at our weekend worship. It doesn't mean you can't pop back in for a cup of coffee and a donut and especially to meet some people who happen to worship at a different time for whatever purpose in their lives. We are all part of one big family here at St Patrick's and we would like to get to know each other just a little better. This is one great way to do so.

Like any ministry that is just beginning, we have some growing pains - one of which is we need volunteers to help us make this ministry a successful one and to grow. We already have donuts coming every week, so you won't have to make the donuts yourself. But we do need help in putting on the coffee, setting up and cleaning up after. Its all just another way that you can serve the community and reap the benefits that come from serving in any ministry – the grace that is poured out in one who serves.

We're are hoping that this ministry can grow and grow with your help in serving, but even more importantly, with your coming in to say hello, share your time and conversation and just get to know everyone a little better. That is the essence of Agape. Come and join us, won't you?

Peace and all good,

Deacon Patrick



St. Patrick's 2019 Mission to Haiti June 16-22, 2019

This year we are already more than halfway to filling the trip, so if you are considering it, please reach out to Kate Salmon-Robinson at 508-254-7766 and/or katesalmon@aol.com.

Thank you & God Bless!!!

Upcoming Meeting!

The Knights of Columbus, Mumford Council #365

The monthly meeting of the Mumford
Council #365 will be held this Tuesday, February 19
at Mumford Hall. There will be a pre-meeting meal at
6:15 PM, followed by the meeting at 7:00 PM.
If you are not a member of the Knights of Columbus
and would like to join us, please talk to any Knight or
visit www.kofc365.org



Do you like to knit or crochet? If you do, then the Prayer Shawl Ministry may be of interest to you. Since its beginning in 2007, more than 1,500 shawls have been gifted to those in need of a "hug from God". We also

provide the white garment for the baptisms here at Saint Patrick's. Whatever time you have to give is up to you. You may also contact Tina Pilibosian at cpilibosian@gmail.com or 508-887-0497 with any questions.

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.

TRUE or FALSE?

- 1. Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord.
- 2. Cursed is the one who trusts human beings.
- 3. The one whose heart turns away from the Lord is like a barren bush in the desert.
- 4. The one whose hope is in the Lord is like a tree planted in the middle of the desert.
- 5. If Christ has not been raised, it makes no difference to us and our sins.
- 6. Jesus came down with the Twelve and stood on a steep hillside.
- 7. A huge crowd of people heard Jesus speak.
- 8. Jesus said that the poor are blessed.
- 9. Jesus said that those who are hated and insulted because of him are blessed.
- 10. Jesus said that you are fortunate if everyone speaks well of you.

ANSMERS, 5 true, 6 talse, 10 talse, 2 true, 2 true, 6 talse, 7 true, 8 true, 9 true, 10 talse.

Time - Talent - Treasure... Consider Sharing What You Have With Others:

Become involved with the Greeter Ministry,
Blackstone Valley Emergency Shelter, John 21,
Or any of the many other ministries that we
have here at St. Patrick Parish.



PUT ASIDE YOUR OLD ELECTRONICS!



We have another electronics recycling coming in the spring!"



May 18th in the Church Parking Lot

Winter Flu Season

In light of the flu epidemic we are suspending distribution of the cup.



Those people assigned as Eucharistic Ministers please check in before Mass.

Also, during the Sign of Peace if you do not want to shake hands just wish others a verbal "Peace be with you."

Parish Giving:

Budgeted Average Weekly: \$8,500.00

Actual w/e: 2/10/2019: \$8,335.00



Looking Ahead: Ash Wednesday is on March 6th.

Easter is on April 21st.

Young Neighbors In Action 2019: Fish & Chips

Please plan to join us on **Ash Wednesday** and **Fridays** during Lent from 4:30 PM until 7:00 PM. Orders are available to take out or eat in. You may phone orders ahead starting at 4:30 PM at 508-234-3232.



Love to Sing? Enjoy playing an instrument?



Consider joining the music ministry and "pray" in song during the Lenten/
Easter Season! If you are interested please contact Chris Bilodeau or contact the office.

"Music is the voice of the soul"



Prayers, Potatoes & Pubs

A Journey to the Heart & Soul of Ireland 13 days: September 30 to October 12, 2019

Spiritual Directors: Fr. Peter Joyce and Fr. Michael Broderick

Visit includes:

Dublin, Boyne Valley: Newgrange, Downpatrick, burial site of St. Patrick, Belfast: Giant's Causeway, Peace Wall of Murals, the Titanic Museum, Galway & Knock Shrine, Cliffs of Moher, Dingle Peninsula, Blarney Castle

Pricing varies - credit card or check payment

All prices include 11 nights in hotels, breakfast & dinner each day of touring, all taxes and tips for their journey

Full package (cash payment) \$4,049 per person

Land only (air individually) \$3,449 per person



Join us for Steubenville East 2019: The 2019 theme is "Belong". This youth conference takes place Friday, July 12th through Sunday July 14th at UMass Lowell.

This weekend is a wonderful time to gather with 3000 teens from across New England who are excited about their faith. There are a variety of faith filled activities throughout the weekend. Steubenville East is open to all teens who have finished 8th through 12th grades. We will leave around 1 pm from St. Patrick's for UMass Lowell on Friday and be back around 4pm on Sunday.

The weekend costs \$275 plus the cost of T-shirts. This includes all food, lodging and event tickets. A deposit of \$50 is due at registration.

For more information please email Aileen.



St. Patrick's is excited to offer a new summer program "Youth In Action" July 15-19, 2019

This one week program is open to all middle school students finishing 6th through 8th grades. The program will run from 8:15 am to 3 pm. Groups will spend the morning working on local service projects and the afternoon doing social activities. We hope to spend one afternoon at Purgatory Chasm finished with ice cream at West End Creamery. Our last day weather permitting we hope to spend at Breezy Acres in Douglas.



Upcoming Lenten Retreat

Do you think that our world is in crises? What does our Catholic faith have to give us in times of crisis? Please join us for a multiparish Lenten retreat to renew the promise of our faith on Saturday, March 23 at St. Mary's Parish Hall, Milford.

For any questions, please contact: Ándrea L Rizzi Occhionero : andrealo2@verizon.net 508-244-8911

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.

Vacation Bible School at St. Patrick's: August 5th through 9th, 9 am to 12 pm.

Over the course of the week we will follow St. Paul's Dangerous Journey through Athens to spread the Good News.

VBS will be open to all children finishing Preschool through 5th grade. We will host an informational meeting on Sunday January 27th at 11:30 am in the Parish Center. Help will be needed with transforming the Parish Center into Athens, registration, snacks, working the "marketplace" stations, and volunteering the week of the program.



Blackstone Valley Emergency Volunteers Needed

The BVES currently has 126 volunteers, in order to adequately staff the needs of the shelter we are in need of additional

volunteers.

Please consider filling out an application to become a volunteer – your time would be such a gift to those that are less fortunate than us. We have a number of people living in their cars or in tents when the shelter isn't open and they truly appreciate a warm cot, blanket and pillow on nights we are open.

If you would be interested in volunteering please contact Fred Beauregard fbmbcbjb@charter.net.

We are in need of \$5.00 gift cards to any of the following local restaurants: Harry's, Dunkin Donuts, Berger King, McDonalds or Subway. Please drop them off at the rectory.

If you don't plan to take the Bulletin home with you after
Mass we ask you to please return them to either the Chapel or the back of the Church and don't leave them in the
pews. But... please take them home as a reference to what's
coming up!