

St. Patrick Parish

1 Cross St., Whitinsville, MA 01588

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

February 24, 2019



SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Love your enemies and do good to them, and lend expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High." Luke 6:35

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.

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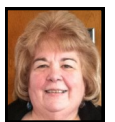
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Members of the family requesting the Mass are asked to bring the gifts of bread and wine to the altar. Please make yourselves known to the lector and sit near the gifts.

Weekend of February 23/24

- Sat., 4:30 PM** + Ryan Kuizinas
- by the Beauregard Family
- Sun., 8:00 AM** + People of St. Patrick Parish
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- Sun., 10:00 AM** + Lorraine Mombourquette
- by her Family
- Sun., 5:00 PM** + People of St. Patrick Parish

February 25-March 1 (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** + Michael Paulhus
- by Viola Paulhus and Family
- Wednesday** + Edward Niejadlik (21st Anniv.)
- by his Family

Thursday and Friday - No Mass

Weekend of March 2/3

- Sat., 4:30 PM** + John P. Harris (8th Anniv.)
- by his Family
- Sun., 8:00 AM** + Margaret Campbell
- by Mary and Ken Glendenning
- Sun., 10:00 AM** + Doug Brown
- by Laura and Paul Dankz
- Sun., 5:00 PM** + People of St. Patrick Parish
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The Mass book opens on March 1 for the months of April-June. 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.



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LIFE IN THE PARISH

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

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Parish Website: www.mystpatrickss.com



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Are You New to St. Patrick Parish?

Become a member by going to 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:

Feb. (No Date): Catholic Free Press March 3: YNIA

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. 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. 24: Welcoming Committee Mtg., 11 AM, 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
Mar. 3: Faith Formation, Pre-Gr. 1, 10-11AM, Center; Gr. 2-5, 8:45-9:45 AM, Center; Grade 11, 5-7:30 PM
Mar. 4: Faith Formation: Gr. 6,7,8, 6:45-8 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

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflections:



Love is the most powerful thing in the universe.

Love can turn the most insurmountable mountain into a pile of rubble. Well, some may say, hate can do that. A hate filled missile can also bring down a mountain. This is true, but love can do something that hate will never be able to - love can restore! Love can plant seeds of redemption and provide enough nourishment to sustain for ages. Hate just destroys and destroys and destroys 'til nothing is left except hate and darkness.

Love can be hard, yes. I think love can get easier the more we know about ourselves. I encourage all of us to get to know who we are at our core. Maybe some of us have been in therapy but, for those of us who haven't, I think we all could benefit from some sort of therapy, group therapy, AA, family counseling or some small group faith formation of some kind. The more we know about what makes us tick, the better we can respond to Jesus' teaching.

If someone comes up to you and says that your hair looks like a dead octopus or has some other hurtful comment, one immediate reaction could be to say something equally critical or cruel. However, the person who knows themselves deeply will be mindful of the fact that they are ok with who they are and that no shallow criticism can change that. Moreover, someone who knows themselves will probably understand that, the critic who made the hurtful comment, most likely has been criticized themselves many times before and is still carrying the hurt around with them, tossing it at other people in an effort to deal with their own insecurity.

To me, when we know ourselves and have a certain level of Emotional Intelligence, we see our flaws and limitations but we still know that God loves us.

So, when we're faced with hateful, hurtful people, we can more easily see and accept their flaws and, we hope, see them as God's children, equally deserving of His (and our) love.

We have a saying in our house that, when problems arise, we make every attempt to 'Throw Love at it.' No matter what it is and no matter how protracted something may be, 'Throw Love at it.' is the most effective way to get to a problem's core and resolution.

When my daughter was younger, she had to deal with some bullies at school. As many parents know, it can be excruciating to see your child go through this. My initial response was to show her the best place to land a punch but I realized that this was not going to help her. We went through the normal channels and procedures and, by working with the students and school staff, I'm glad to say, it got worked out. During that time, I had many discussions with my daughter about why some people do cruel things. I tried to explain to her that sometimes, people have hurt that they can't deal with so they often pass it on to others - basically, 'hurt people do hurtful things' and that the best way to deal with it (besides letting the teacher know your being bullied) is to try to be kind and be as loving as possible.

I had wondered if that message got through to her. A few months ago, my daughter was telling me about something cruel some kid said to her in school. I told her how awful it was and that I would talk to her teacher if she wanted. She said that wouldn't be necessary and went on to express sorrow for the girl who had made those comments to her because she understood that they must have come from a place of real pain.

When we 'Throw Love at it' we break hate wide open to its lonely, fearful core. Then, with more love, we can plant seeds of growth that can last a lifetime.

God bless you all! Chris



St. Patrick's Fall Festival 2019



Please bring your ideas to our next St. Patrick's Fall Festival planning meeting on Monday, March 11th at 6pm in the rectory. Everyone is welcome! (date of the festival to be determined)

Below is a list of specific volunteer needs at this time.

Volunteer Coordinators - keep track of volunteers, assignments & shifts

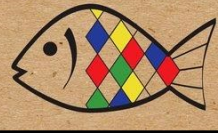
Activities Coordinators - plan and coordinate children's activities and games

Craft Table Coordinators - We are looking for two or more creative folks to handle & organize the creation and donation of hand crafted items.

If you can help in any way, come to a meeting, call the rectory 508-234-5656, speak to Deacon Pat, or please email officesupport@mystpatricks.com. Let's make this the great festival!

gnia fish & chips

- Chef -
Tim from Peg's Diner



Young Neighbors In Action 2019 Fish & Chips Cook Jimmy from Peg's Dinner

Please join us on **Ash Wednesday March 6** 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.

Complete meals of Fried Haddock & Chips or Baked Haddock with Baked Potato are \$10.00, Mac & Cheese with Fries are \$5.00 All meals come with Cole slaw. Dine in includes a beverage and dessert. Clam Chowder will also be available at \$3.00 per cup and \$4.00 per bowl.

Come enjoy great conversations as well as a wonderful meal, in support of our mission trip to San Diego CA in July 2019.

19th Annual Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference

Men (of all ages, including teens and college students) are invited to this important annual Conference, scheduled for Assumption College on Saturday, **April 6th**. Visit the conference website at www.firstmensconf.org for information and to purchase tickets online and elsewhere. Come and hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders: Kevin Dunn, Francesco Cesareo, Trent Horn, Father Warren Savage, Mike Aquilina and Eric Mahl. Bishops and priest will hear confessions. Bishop McManus will offer the Conference Mass. For a Conference brochure, further information or registration, call Sara Smillie at 508-929-4345. **Adult Tickets are \$45.00 until March 25th afterwards \$60.00. Student tickets are always \$30.00**



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



Lent is Coming Up:

Ash Wednesday is on March 6th.

Masses are at:

8:30 AM, Noon and 6:30 PM

(Easter is on April 21st.)

The Knights of Columbus, Mumford Council #365

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.



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."

Blackstone Valley Emergency Shelter 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, Burger King, McDonalds or Subway. Please drop them off at the rectory.



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.

Parish Giving:

Budgeted Average Weekly: \$8,500.00

Actual w/e: 2/17/2019: \$6,294.00

Welcome



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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING SPECIAL DATES:



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



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

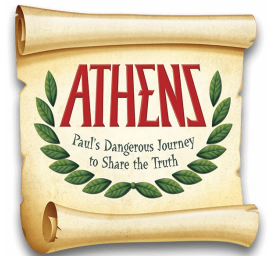
This one week program is open to all middle school students finishing 6th through 8th grades. The program will run from 8:15 am to 3 pm. Groups will spend the morning working on local service projects and the afternoon doing social activities. We hope to spend one afternoon at Purgatory Chasm finished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

We will host an informational meeting on Sunday February 10th at 11:30 am for volunteers and those interested in participating. *Adult Volunteers will be needed as Chaperones.*

Vacation Bible School at St. Patrick's : August 5th through the 9th, from 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.



PUT ASIDE YOUR OLD ELECTRONICS!
We have another electronics recycling coming in the spring!"

May 18th in the Church Parking Lot



Jube's Family Restaurant

5th anniversary will donate 20%



**Present this coupon for any meal on Thursday March 7 and
Jube's Family Restaurant will donate 20% of your check to the
John 21 Community Breakfast.**