

St. Patrick Parish

1 Cross St., Whitinsville, MA 01588

December 8, 2019

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

Second Sunday of Advent



John the Baptist appeared,
preaching in the desert of Judea and saying,
"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"

Matthew 3:1-2



ST. PATRICK'S : 'A Faith Community since 1870'

Rectory Phone: 508-234-5656

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

Rectory Phone: 508-234-5656
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Parish Website: www.mystpatrickss.com

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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OfficeSupport@mystpatrickss.com

Mass Intentions

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.

If school is cancelled due to weather conditions there will be no Mass on that day.

Weekend of December 7 / Dec. 8

- 7 Sat., 4:30 PM + Michael Weldon (25th Anniv.)
- by his Family
8 Sun., 8:00 AM + Christine Menard (3rd Anniv.)
- by Don Menard and Family
8 Sun, 10:00 AM + People of St. Patrick Parish
8 Sun., 5:00 PM + Jose Ferreira and James Soares
- by Mary Ferreira

December 9 - 13 (8:30 AM in the Chapel)

- 9 Mon. 8:30 AM + John Homenick (34th Anniv.)
- by Viola Paulhus and Family
7:00 PM +
10 Tues. + Richard Laba
- by his Wife, Margaret
11 Wed. 8:30 AM + Georgeanna Paulhus (36th Anniv.)
- by Viola Paulhus and Family

12 - 13 - No Mass

Weekend of December 14/ Dec. 15

- 14 Sat., 4:30 PM + Sarah Kilby (3rd Anniv.)
- by her Family
15 Sun., 8:00 AM + People of St. Patrick Parish
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15 Sun, 10:00 AM + Raymond Kane
- by his Family
15 Sun., 5:00 PM + Kathleen Mawn (25th Anniv.)
- by the Mawn Family

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.

Sacraments:

Call the Office for Information on receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Matrimony, Sacrament of the Sick and Homebound Visits.
508-234-5656

Welcome

Reflections : A Letter from a YNIA Member...

To start off, I would like to thank every member of all four YNIA groups I have been a part of on these past four years. You all have made me into the person I am today.

I have always been a compassionate and empathetic child, always skipping through family gatherings and raising money for some endangered animals I found on the internet or TV. And I did other fundraisers for different kids and schools I encountered that were in need. But it wasn't until Detroit in the summer of 2016 that I realized that I didn't have to wait until I was forty and a millionaire to help.

Detroit was my first exposure to doing meaningful social work for a living and making an impact in the world. Working in St. Leo's Soup Kitchen and encountering the people who ate at and ran the soup kitchen made me understand that I could have a fulfilling and passionate career in life, instead of a do-gooder side hobby. Through my preparations leading up to Detroit, my week in Detroit, and the "aftermath" of the trip, I realized that I would make a difference. Detroit gave me the tools to make impactful change in my life and it didn't stop there.

After Detroit, it was Tuscan, Arizona, where I worked in foster care, realizing that I wasn't just impacting the people I served, but the people I served alongside. After working with John for four days, we noticed that on our last day he wasn't there. The work that we were able to accomplish gave John - a husband and dad of a 4 and a 6 year old - his first day off in three years. That moment, realizing the instantaneous relief we gave John, was the "ah ha" moment in trip.

Fast forwarding a year into Green Bay, Wisconsin, I found myself looking into the grateful and tearful face of one of the staff members who we were working with in St. Vincent De Paul. After spending an hour and a half organizing the prom dress section as a "parting gift" to the amazing staff, tearfully thanks us, saying "with all that's going on it just would not have gotten done."

This year I traveled to San Diego, California, the farthest place YNIA has taken me. During my fourth trip with YNIA I got to do conservation work. This was my first time outside, and the first time my job focused on the environment. I thought I was going to walk into my fourth year knowing the impact my contribution made. However, I walked in a little disappointed thinking that I was not helping people. Instead I found the work extremely satisfying realizing how much money and time we were saving for the conservation workers, and in the process gaining a more holistic approach to how people interact in the world. Here I learned how to combine service with my passion for the environment in order to help from a new perspective of life.

- Grace



You would agree that after 20 years of wear and tear our carpet in the church really needs some upgrading. Through the generosity of a number of parishioners to jumpstart this project, we have received about 80% of the \$24,000.00 dollars needed to beautify our worship space.

If you feel you can help out that would be wonderful. There are envelopes at the entrances to the church that are earmarked for this purpose.

We have no doubt that if everyone makes a contribution we will surely be able to do it before Christmas and what a wonderful Christmas gift it would be to St. Patrick's Parish!

Welcome

STUDENT MINISTRIES / RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Student Ministries Schedule

Pre school-Grade 1 Sunday 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Grades 2-5: Sun. 8:45 AM *including attending* the 10:00 AM 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.

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.

OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL: 508-278-5851
71 Mendon Street, Uxbridge, MA 01569 www.ourladyofthevalleyregional.com

Upcoming December Meetings / Events:

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

Dec. 8, Sun: Faith Formation - Gr. 2-5, 8:45-9:45 AM; Pre- Gr. 1, 10-11 AM
Gr. 9 & 10, 5-7:30 PM

Dec. 8, Sun: Welcoming Committee Meeting, 11:30 AM - 1 PM, Center

Dec. 9, Mon: Faith Formation, Grades 6, 7, 8, 6:45 - 8:00 PM

Dec. 9, MON: **Feast of the Immaculate Conception**, Masses at 8:30 AM & 7 PM

Dec. 10, Tues: Contemporary Music Ensemble Rehearsal, 7 PM, Church

Dec. 11, Wed: Blackstone Valley Quilters Meeting, 6:30 - 9 PM, Center

Dec. 14, Sat: Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting, 9:30 AM, Center

Dec. 15, Sun: Christmas Baskets Program in Parish Center, 8 AM - 4 PM

Dec. 15, Sun: Faith Formation - Gr. 2-5, 8:45-9:45 AM; Pre- Gr. 1, 10-11 AM
Gr. 9 & 10, 5-7:30 PM

Dec. 15, Sun: Middle School Youth Group, 3 - 6 PM, Center

Upcoming Second Collections:

Dec. 8: Immaculate Conception

Dec. 15: Utilities



Amazon Smile Program

Do you order from Amazon? Did you know that if you order through the Amazon Smile Program, you can support St. Patrick's at the same time? If you copy/type this link below into your browser, you will be directed to the smile.amazon.com logon page. You can use your existing Amazon account, but you must use the Amazon Smile logon page, and a percentage of your purchase will be donated to the Church. If you have any questions, please email officesupport@mystpatricks.com or call the rectory office:

508-234-5656. Happy shopping and thank you for your support. <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/04-2106743>

LIFE IN THE PARISH

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.

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.

Weekly Prayer Group & Bible Study:

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

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'll be glad you did.*

Music Ministry

Rehearsals - Cantors: 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7-8:30 PM;

Contemporary Music Ensemble:

2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7-9 PM

New Members are Always Welcome!

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

Greeter Ministry

If you are interested in joining this ministry which welcomes individuals, couples and families to St. Patrick's' Masses please contact: Fred Beauregard: fbmbcbjb@charter.net

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.



Parish Giving :

Budgeted Average Weekly: \$8,500.00

Actual w/e: 12/01/2019: \$7,270.00

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**ST. PATRICK'S PARISH ,
Whitinsville, MA**



**ADVENT and CHRISTMAS,
2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

"HE is coming!"

ADVENT MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturdays: Mass at 4:30 PM

**Sundays: Mass at 8:00 AM &
10:00 AM & PM**

Prayers of the Faithful Response:

Come to us, O Lord.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Confessions offered Saturdays 3:30-4:00PM

**Giving Tree Tags available in the
Church from Nov. 23-Dec.15**

SPECIAL DATES:

Monday, December 9:

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary
Mass: 8:30 AM & 7:00 PM**

Friday, Dec. 20:

Children's Christmas Pageant at 7 PM

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE:

Tuesday, December 24:

Mass at 4:30 PM & Mass at Midnight

Wednesday, Dec. 25:

Mass at 10:00 AM

Giving Tree Gift Tags

Please be sure to return all gifts to the Parish Center **no later than 12:00 Noon next Sunday, December 15th** **with the tags** securely attached to all of



the packages. Toys and clothing gifts should be wrapped. If you would like to give electronically to The Gift Card Fund please go to our website and select Support Us, then Quick Give and then select Gift Card Fund. All donations are appreciated!

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. There are many gifts to check in and assign to the appropriate family. If you are late returning your tag or do not return your tag at all, some family that is depending on your gift will be disappointed. Even in bad weather, we will still have our distribution. If you cannot return the item within the requested time frame, please contact Jackie at the rectory at 508-234-5656 or Jackie@MyStPatricks.com as soon as possible so that we can make other arrangements. As always, your continued support is greatly appreciated!

*Thank You for
all those who
helped set out our
Manger Scene.*



*It is a beautiful asset to our town
community.*

2019 Manger Scene Raffle Tickets



Raffle Tickets for the hand-made Manger Scene can be found on the table directly in front of the St. Patrick Shrine in front of the church.

Please take as many as you like...take a chance...or many chances to win this beautifully made heirloom! We ask that you return your tickets stubs and money before the 10AM Mass December 15th.

Welcome



Let Us Pray 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, Nicole DeFazio, Deployed USS Normandy CG60, Lieutenant Daniel Gerson, Fort Benning, Georgia, SSGT Thomas M. Girouard, U.S. Army, Kabul, Afghanistan



NOWA

NO ONE WALKS ALONE

Parent Grief Group
Mondays 6:30-8:00



PM

Starting on 10/7/2019

76 Church St (1st floor), Whitinsville

Peer support for parents who have lost children to substance use. Join us in a safe and caring environment to connect with other parents who understand and share your Journey. ****No registration, no fees. Insurance not required****

St. Patrick's Reusable Bags

\$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00

Proceeds go to support YNIA!



NAC Food Pantry: 508-234-4599

Open Tuesdays 10 AM - Noon & Thursdays 1-3 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.

BLACKSTONE VALLEY EMERGENCY SHELTER

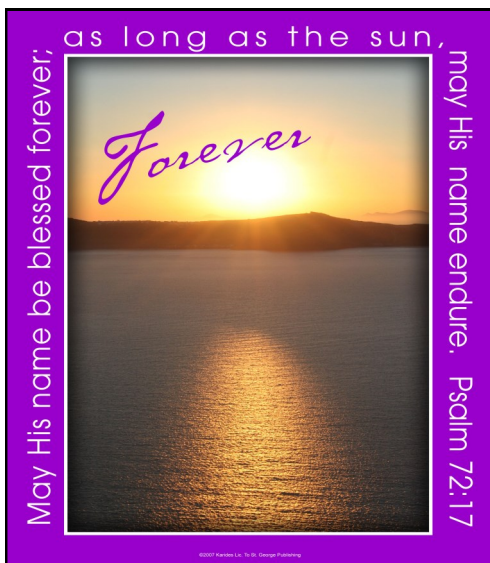
St Patrick's is a host-site for the Blackstone Valley Emergency Shelter on Tuesday nights for those in our community who are in need of a warm, safe place to sleep. The freezing temperatures and snowy conditions

during the winter season bring extreme hardship to those that are homeless. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to help the less fortunate. If you are able to be that 'face of Jesus' to those in our community that are in need of compassion and support, please consider volunteering 'once a week - 5 hours'.



We will train you and provide support so that you are comfortable with volunteering, most of your time will be spent visiting/talking with the guests in the shelter, just letting them know that someone cares about them. If you would like more information or are ready to start volunteering, please don't hesitate to contact myself. God Bless!

Fred Beauregard, St. Patrick's Site Coordinator email: fbmbcbjb@charter.net



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.



Uni-Bank Matching Grant Update

Thanks to the generosity of so many people, churches and business we have met our matching goal of \$5,000!
Thank You for helping us continue this important and worthwhile program!