



6TH
SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

TEACHING ABOUT ANGER

I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment. Therefore, go first and be reconciled with your brother. Matthew 5:22,24



St. Patrick Parish: "A Faith Community Since 1870"

1 Cross Street, Whitinsville, MA 01588

February 16, 2020

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

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday: 4:30 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 5:00 PM

Monday-Wednesday: 8:30 AM in the Chapel

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.

Welcome to St. Patrick's!



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

Rectory Phone: 508-234-5656

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

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Religious Ed. Phone: 508-234-3511

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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 February 15/ 16

Sat., 4:30 PM + Winifred Sullivan
- by John and Mary Armstrong

Sun., 8:00 AM + People of St. Patrick Parish
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Sun, 10:00 AM + Dorothy Hallisey
- by Joe and Mary Lou Verla

Sun., 5:00 PM + Leo, Doralis and Joseph Trottier
- by the Trottier Family

February 17- 21 8:30 AM in the Chapel)

Mon. + People of St. Patrick Parish

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Tues. + Arthur P. Sousa

- by his Friends

Wed. + People of St. Patrick Parish

13 - 14 - No Mass

Weekend of February 22/ 23

Sat., 4:30 PM + Ryan Kiuzinas
- by The Beauregard Family

Sun., 8:00 AM + People of St. Patrick Parish
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Sun, 10:00 AM + People of St. Patrick Parish
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Sun., 5:00 PM + People of St. Patrick Parish
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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. (The Mass book opens on March 2 for April-June.)

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

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.

OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL: 508-278-5851

71 Mendon Street, Uxbridge, MA 01569
www.ourladyofthevalleyregional.com

John 21 Community Free Breakfast

Every Saturday morning from 8:00-10:00 AM. St. Patrick's John 21 Community Breakfast ministry provides a free, nutritious breakfast every Saturday morning in the spirit of community fellowship and hospitality.

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 ! Please contact Chris Bilodeau or the office.

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 the this ministry which welcomes individuals, couples and families to St. Patrick's' Masses please contact: Fred Beauregard: fbmbcbjb@charter.net

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.

Upcoming February Meetings / Events:

Emergency Shelter, Tuesdays, weather permitting call 508-266-5122

Feb. 16, Children's Liturgy of the Word during 10:00 AM Mass

Feb. 17, Mon: NO Faith Formation Grade 6,7,8

Feb. 18, Tues: Cantor Rehearsal, 7 PM, Church

Feb. 19, Wed: St. Patrick Serves at Peace of Bread

Feb. 19, Wed: Blackstone Valley Quilters Meeting, 6:30 - 9 PM, Center

Feb. 23, Sun: Gr. 2-5, 8:45-9:45 AM; Pre- Gr. 1, 10-11 AM

Gr. 9 & 10, 5-7:30 PM

Feb. 23, Sun. Middle School Youth Group, 3 - 6 PM

Feb. 23, Sun: Welcoming Committee Meeting, 11:30 AM - 1 PM

Feb. 24, Mon: Faith Formation, Grades 6,7,8, 6:45-8 PM, Center

Feb. 25, Tues: Contemporary Music Ensemble Rehearsal, 7 PM, Church

Feb. 26, Wed: ASH WEDNESDAY

Feb. 26, Wed. Fish and Chips, 4:30-7 PM, Center

Feb. 28, Fri: Fish and Chips, 4:30-7 PM, Center

Feb. 28, Fri: Stations of the Cross, 7-7:30 PM, Church

Upcoming Second Collections:

No Date: Catholic Free Press

Feb. 16: Utilities

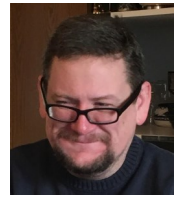
Are You Thinking of Becoming A Catholic or Seeking to make a Sacrament? Consider the RCIA:

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.

Reflections :

The Snow Monkeys of Japan

“if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it.” 1 Corinthians 12:26



When I was at the University of Massachusetts studying history and human behavior, I remember distinctly a professor telling us that “in nature survival of the fittest is the rule” and that the survival of species depended upon it. Animals that were old or could not be productive members of the species died. A militant atheist, he would often make anti-faith based comments, mostly unsolicited, and chuckle to himself in a mocking tone. It had a profound impact on me as a young student and of course began the process of questioning my faith.

The next semester I took a class on evolution and animal behavior and one of the stories that I still remember to this day is the story of the snow monkeys of Japan. Living in some of the most inhospitable mountains, if ever there was a group of creatures who should live by the mantra “survival of the fittest” it was them. Yet what scholars discovered still fascinates me. Born into this family was a child who struggled to live. She could not care for herself nor could she feed or defend herself. The cold calculation was inevitable – she was doomed to be left behind. But to my surprise this family decided to love and care for her. They took time preening her fur and they fed her first before other members of the family. When the family was attacked by predators, she was defended and protected like every other member of the family. They shared time with her in the warm waters of the hot springs. They loved her just the way she was and accepted her as an important member of their family. In this case the rule “survival of the fittest” just simply did not apply.

Saint Paul in his letter to the Corinthians said this, “if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it.” It seems in the case of the snow monkey in Japan, the mantra of Saint Paul over powered the rule of “survival of the fittest”. Or perhaps we have misinterpreted the meaning of the phrase. Maybe those who are “fittest” are those who love the best. Perhaps people who feel for others when they are in pain and are willing to forgive slights and love them without question or reservation are the “fittest”. If we love as God loves, then we care for others in their need.

God’s love is found in nature and it is not as cold as we have been led to believe. Even there God provides glimpses of his love and compassion. Are we wise enough to see it? Are we compassionate enough to live God’s love in this world?

God Bless,
Deacon Chris



Upcoming Knights of Columbus Meeting: The monthly meeting of the Mumford Council #365, will be held this Tuesday, February 18 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

Worcester Diocese Catholic Men’s Conference

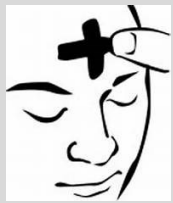
The 20th Anniversary Worcester Diocese Catholic Men’s Conference is scheduled to take place on Saturday, March 28th at Assumption College. For those interested in attending go to www.firstmensconf.org for more information.



Ash Wednesday, Feb. 26th

Masses at: 8:30 AM, Noon, and 7:00 PM at St. Patrick

LENTEN SCHEDULE 2020



Ash Wednesday, Feb. 26th

**Masses at: 8:30 AM, Noon, and
7:00 PM at St. Patrick
and 11:00 AM at St. Camillus
Health Center**

Adoration

Wednesdays, 3:00-6:00 PM

Stations of the Cross

Friday evenings at 7:00 PM in the Church

Living Stations Good Friday

(Presented by Youth Ministry) Apr 10th, 3:00 PM

Annual YNIA Fish & Chips

Wed. Feb 26th Center 4:30-7:00 PM

Fri. Feb. 28- April 3 Center 4:30-7:00 PM

Thank you for supporting our Mission Trip

The Paschal Triduum

Holy Thursday	April 9	7:00 PM
Good Friday	April 10	7:00 PM
Holy Saturday	April 11	7:30 PM
Easter Sunday	April 12	8:00 AM
		10:00 AM
		No 5:00 PM Mass

Lenten Mission Series

Monday through Wednesday,
March 23rd, 24th, 25th at 7:00 PM
in the Church

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays, 3:30 PM or by appointment

"Drop In" Reconciliation Opportunity

Sunday March 15th at 2-3 PM in the Church

Anointing of the Sick

March 14th and 15th after all Masses

Taize Prayer

Taize worship is a prayer service consisting of
meditative chanting and periods of silence in
order to reach a contemplative state.

Please join us in the church For Taize Worship

Wednesday, March 11th at 7-8 PM
in the Church

"Fill the Font "

Bring non-perishable food. Place in the
Baptismal Font. They will be donated to the
"Peace of Bread" Ministry

Looking Ahead to Save These Dates To Support Our Parish Youth:

PUT ASIDE YOUR OLD ELECTRONICS! We have another recycle event for electronics, shredding, collecting of textiles and bottles & cans which will be held on May 16th in the Church Parking Lot. Funds will help the YNIA service trip to Tacoma WA in July.

Vacation Bible School *Vacation Bible School 2020 at St. Patrick's*. We are thinking of having VBS the end of June this year.

More Information will be provided in future bulletins.



Parish Giving :

Budgeted Average Weekly: \$7,926.00

Actual w/e: 2/9/2020: \$7,234.00

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

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

Vacation Bible School Vacation Bible School 2020 at St. Patrick's. We are thinking of having VBS the end of June this year. The link for the program is below. If there is any way you can help please let me know. We want to start putting this together slowly so to make to not overwhelm ourselves. If you have anyone who would like to get involved please invite them. We will have a planning meeting on Wednesday February 5th at 6pm. Please let me know if you can help but cannot make the meeting.. The committees are going to be crafts, science, recreation, decorating and take down. <https://www.christianbook.com/page/vbs/cokesbury-vbs/knights-of-north-castle-2020-vbs?event=VBS|1000259> Aileen Lemoine, Director of Student Ministries Tel: 508-234-5656 Aileen@mystpatrick.com

With your support and God willing...

St. Patrick's will send another team to Haiti in June.



More details to follow. Questions? Reach out to katesalmon@aol.com



IHN is a non-profit that works in partnership with the community to provide shelter to homeless families in Worcester.

Together we can make a difference!

We will be having an informational meeting Sunday March 1st after the 10:00 a.m. mass in the Parish Center Classroom 1. For more information please e-mail Gracia at gcasey144@gmail.com or Fred at fbmbcbjb@charter.net



**You Can Support Our YNIA By Buying
St. Patrick's Reusable Bags**

\$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00

Proceeds go to support YNIA!



**If you would like a copy of your
giving for tax purposes please**

e-mail:

Jackie@mystpatrick.com

NOTICE for your information:

St. Patrick's Cemetery

A price increase will take effect on March 1, 2020.

The last increase went into effect March 1, 2013

Single Graves will be \$1,500 and

Cremation Lots 2 Cremains per lot are \$1,500.

Please call Jackie at 508-234-5656 if you would like to purchase before the price increase takes effect.

Catholic Charities is looking for aides for their Home Care Program in the surrounding towns. Aides provide light Housekeeping, Laundry, Shopping and Personal care. There is Paid Training and a Schedule to Meet Your Needs. Please call: 1-800-649-4364