



St. Patrick Parish:

"A Faith Community Since 1870"



FOREVER CHANGED

People who met Jesus...

Lent 2020

Message Series

Welcome to St. Patrick's!

1 Cross Street , Whitinsville, MA 01588

March 8, 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

Mon.-Wed.: 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.**



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Rectory Phone: 508-234-5656

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

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Rectory Fax: 508-234-6845
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Parish Website: www.mystpatrickss.com

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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 March 7/8

Sat., 4:30 PM + Margaret Brooks

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Sun., 8:00 AM + Lucas Feen (1st Anniv.)

- by Kathy and Dick Feen

Sun, 10:00 AM + John Harris (9th Anniv.)

- by his Family

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

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

Mon. + People of St. Patrick Parish

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Tues. + Richard Laba

- by his Wife, Margaret

Wed. + People of St. Patrick Parish

12 - 13 - No Mass

Weekend of March 14/15

Sat., 4:30 PM + Patrick Mawn Jr.

- by his Family

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

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Sun, 10:00 AM + Cathy Phelan (6th Anniv.)

- by the Phelan Family

Sun., 5:00 PM + Marie Potter

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The Mass book is open 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.

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:

3:00-6:00 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 at Chris@mystpatricks.com 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 this ministry which welcomes individuals, couples and families to St. Patrick's Masses please contact: Fred Beauregard at fbmbcbjb@charter.net

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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 March Meetings / Events:

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

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

Mar. 9, Mon: Faith Formation - Grades 6,7,8, 6:45-8 PM, Center

Mar. 11, Wed: Taize, 7 PM, Church

Mar. 13, Fri: Fish and Chips, 4:30-7 PM, Center

Mar. 13, Fri: Stations of the Cross, 7-7:30 PM, Church

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

Mar. 14/15: Anointing of the Sick at all Masses

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

Mar. 15, Sun: "Drop In" Reconciliation, 2-3 PM, Church

Mar. 15, Sun: Living Stations Rehearsal, 3 PM, Church

Mar. 16, Mon: Faith Formation - Grades 6,7,8, 6:45-8 PM, Center

Mar. 17, Tues: Cantor Rehearsal, 7 PM, Church

Upcoming Second Collections:

March 1: YNIA No Date: Easter Flowers March 8: Catholic Relief Services
March 15: Utilities March 22: Building Fund

Are You Thinking of Becoming A Catholic or are 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.

Second Sunday of Lent

Reflections :



“Go to your inner room and pray in secret.”

As I mentioned in my Ash Wednesday homily, out of the three Lenten practices of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, prayer is probably the most challenging one to embrace.

It is relatively easy to do fasting on Fridays of Lent by having less to eat and not having meat. It is likewise not that difficult to help the needy. Prayer and praying more can be more difficult in our world that is so fast moving.

I would suggest though that prayer is not only necessary but also beneficial to our spiritual well being. In his recent talk on prayer, entitled “What happens when you pray,” Fr. James Martin S.J. speaks of four desires that arise in our hearts when we pray. Of course, there are a lot of things that happen when you pray: emotions, thoughts, insights, words enter into our hearts and minds. I would like to focus on the four desires he mentions.

The first desire that will arise in our hearts when we genuinely pray, is **the desire for God**. That desire to grow closer to God is something that God has planted in us, as St. Augustine reminds us, “Our hearts will remain restless, unless they rest in God.” Or to put it in a different way, “the one I am seeking, is seeking me,” when I pray. In prayer, we are more aware of our need for God. We want to grow closer in communion with him. We are drawn to God.

The second desire that stirs within us, when we take time to pray either silently or meditate on scriptures, is **the desire to follow Jesus more closely** and to know him more deeply and to listen to him more attentively. Jesus not only invited Peter and John and James to “come and follow him,” but he invites each and every one of us. It is the spirit that reawakens that desire to follow Jesus when we pray.

The third desire that emerges often in prayer, is **the desire to become a better person**. This desire may also be the reason why we pray. In prayer, we are acutely in touch with both our strengths, weakness, and blind spots. Thomas Merton speaks often of the fact that God calls us to be “our true self,” that is to become what God created us to be, more loving, caring, joyful, hopeful, etc. So in prayer, one of the most common desires we experience is, “I want to become a better person,” a better spouse, child, teacher, brother or parent.

The last desire that arises in prayer is **the desire to do something**. It maybe that I want to change something because what I am doing is not working. It may be that I want to help those who are in need or feed the hungry or volunteer in a homeless shelter. Or I want to read the bible more often, or even pray more often. More often than not, the desire to do something concrete for the Kingdom of God will surface within our souls, when we pray.

Now all four desires are the good fruits of prayer and ultimately give joy to our hearts. Ultimately, in prayer God touches us and places these desires in us. So this Lent, we invite you to spent some extra time in prayer. It may be silent meditation or the rosary. It may be praying with the Scriptures. Jesus on Ash Wednesday, invited all of us to “go to our inner rooms and to pray.” In a special, way we invite you to consider stopping by and pray before the Blessed Sacrament during the Adoration on Wednesdays (3:00-6:00 p.m.). It may be for 5 minuets or 15. Adoration starts with Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 (15 minutes or so) and ends with the recitation of the Rosary at 5:30. I pray that this season of Lent will be a time of renewal and growth for all of us. Fr. Tomasz



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!

Our service dates are April 12-19 and September 6-13

**Our Training date will be March 30 @ 6:30pm
at 91 June Street, Worcester**

Please e-mail Gracia at gcasey144@gmail.com and let her know you will be attending the training.

LENTEN SCHEDULE 2020

Lenten Theme: Forever Changed / People Who Met Jesus

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 at 3:00 PM

Annual YNIA Fish & Chips

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

"Fill the Font "

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

Lenten Mission

Theme: Are You In Sync with God?

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

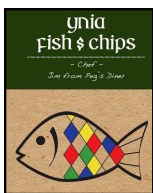
Sunday March 15th at 2-3 PM in the Church

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 7:00 PM
in the Church



Young Neighbors In Action 2020 Fish & Chips

Please join us 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 \$5.00 per bowl.

Come enjoy great conversations as well as a wonderful meal, in support of our mission trip to Tacoma, Washington in the summer of 2020.

With your support and God willing...

St. Patrick's will send another team to Haiti in June. **Be the BRIT**

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



Parish Giving :

Budgeted Average Weekly: \$7,926.00
Actual w/e: 3/1/2020: \$7,221

Welcome



Coming Up...

RECYCLING EVENT:



MAY 16TH IN THE CHURCH PARKING LOT

MORE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE IN THE BULLETIN RACKS AT ENTRANCE OF CHURCH

ELECTRONICS: START SAVING THEM NOW!

SHREDDING: MOBILE ON SITE SHREDDING FROM 11:00AM-1:00 PM WHAT DOCUMENTS DESTROYED \$7.00 COPY SIZE PAPER BOX. Window envelopes, manila folders, paper clips, elastics & staples are acceptable.

No binders, binder clips, notebooks, hanging folders, plastic, cardboard or magazines.

TEXTILES: CLEAN REUSABLE CLOTHING

BOTTLES & CANS: CLEAN BOTTLES AND CANS

Funds will help the YNIA service trip to Tacoma WA in July.



Back by popular demand

Vacation Bible School, Theme: Rainforest Explorers

July 13-17th 2020 9:00 AM-12:00 Noon

It was so much fun helping with VBS last year. The kids were amazing to work with. If you would like to help please contact Aileen@mystpatrickss.com.

More Information will be provided in future bulletins.



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,

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.



**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

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.



If you would like a copy of your giving for tax purposes please e-mail:

Jackie@mystpatrickss.com



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Second Sunday of Lent