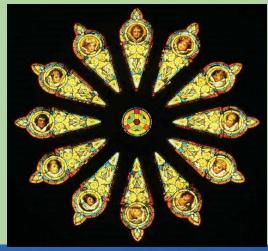


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LIVE STREAM MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday: 4:30 PM Sunday: 10:00 AM

Cable: NCTV 191 & 192

Mon: 12:00 Noon, Wed. 8:00 AM, Sat: 8:00 AM

Weekend of September 26/27

Sat. 4:30 PM + Sarah Kilby

by her Family

Sun 8:00 AM + Richard Paulus

by his Family

10:00 AM + Barbara Sullivan

by her Family

5:00 PM + People of St. Patrick Parish

Sept. 28-Oct. 2

Mon. 4:30 PM + People of St. Patrick Parish

Tues. 4:30 PM + People of St. Patrick Parish

Wed. 4:30 PM + People of St. Patrick Parish

Thurs: No Mass Friday: No Mass

Weekend of October 3/4

Sat. 4:30 PM + People of St. Patrick Parish

Sun 8:00 AM + Holy Souls in Purgatory

By Helpers of Holy Souls

10:00 AM + Norman Violette (19th Anniv.) and

Paul D'Alfonso (5th Anniv.)

by their Family

5:00 PM + People of St. Patrick Parish

The Mass book is open for the months of October–December. If you would like to book a mass in memory of a loved one please call the rectory at 508 –234-5656.

The Sick: Please pray for all those in need of God's healing touch, especially: Gary Duquette, Tom Eldridge, MaryJane Gendreau, William Holtz II, Paul McBrien, Pauline Pierce, Edward Saksa, Barbara Scott, and all those in our special intentions prayer book.

Reflections:

We have been talking in the Rectory recently about kindness, hugs, laughter, and things we have taken for granted. It may seem like a wide variety of topics and in some ways it is. In some ways it just is the way conversation around the office flows. In other ways it is just another conversation about 2020.



Our conversation started with what we miss. We miss the hugs so incredibly much. We miss gathering with friends or going out to eat. For me as we prepare to start the new Faith Formation year, I really miss being able to see our kids and be with them. I miss hearing their laughter and conversations. I miss hearing what they are up to and how life is going for them. This led us into how much we have taken these things for granted and how we truly are living history.

We will never forget the pandemic of 2020. We will never take for granted hugs. We will never again take for granted being able to see someone smile without wearing a mask or the ability to breath without the mask covering our nose and mouth.

Our conversation turned to talking about 9/11 and where we all were that day. What our memories are and what a terrible day that was but about the love and support we all had for each other.

We moved into Father Tomasz's Homily on kindness and the importance of kindness in our life and our world. There is so much going on in our country these days that to me, it seems we have forgotten the importance of kindness. On social media and the news, you find little kindness. People are tearing others down. I was reading the daily readings and come across 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. It made me stop and really look at the words. We are living with a lot of division right now. A lot of us have strong opinions about what or who is right. We are judging each other. It is flying against all that Jesus is and was. Chris Bilodeau in a recent daily connection said, "Jesus words were so full of love, light and wisdom". I saw a Facebook quote that talked about going back to 9/12. 9/12 was a day where we came together. We cared about each other and loved each other. We put aside our personal differences and just cared for each other.

As we move into the last quarter of 2020, I want to make it my goal to work harder to spread kindness, to love others, and to just care about humanity. I look forward to the time when I can hug freely, go to a store without a mask, be with our kids and not take for granted time with others. I look forward to conversation that start with "Do you remember during the pandemic..."

- Aileen

Parish Giving:

Budgeted Average Weekly: \$8,500.00 Actual w/e: 9/21/2020: \$6,484.00

If you would like to make your donations on line go to mystpatricks.com.

Upcoming Second Collections:

Sept. 27: Annual Catholic School Collection Oct. 18: Propagation of the Faith Oct. 25: Utilities

GET INVOLVED, SOCIAL JUSTICE PROJECTS

Thank you to everyone that has taken a moment to help us balance our budget for the end of our fiscal year.

We have received \$12,855.00 out of the \$17,000.00 that we need.

We ask that you prayerfully consider making a onetime contribution to help balance our budget if you can do so.

If everyone were able to respond, we have no doubt that we will be successful. You can make the contribution electronically by visiting us online or by sending your donation to the rectory. Please mark it for the end of the year contribution.

Thank you for your generosity and if there is anything that we can do for you, please let us know.

Sincerely yours in Christ, Fr. Tomasz & St. Patrick's Team

St. Patrick's Halloween Recycling Event/Food Drive

St. Patrick's will be holding a Halloween Recycling Event/Food Drive on Saturday, October 31st from 8am - 1pm in the Church parking lot. The profits will benefit upcoming YNIA service projects. Please keep items for each station separate. For more information & electron-

ics pricing, call 508-234-5656 or email <u>officesupport@mystpatricks.com</u>. Cash preferred, no credit cards will be accepted. Thank you for your support.

- Food Drive Please bring non-perishable food items for donation to the Northbridge Food Pantry.
- **Paper Shredding** 10am Noon only. \$7/per copy paper size box. No binders, binder clips, hanging folders, notebooks, plastic, cardboard or magazines.
- Electronics Recycling for a Fee No batteries, light bulbs, propane tanks. All equipment must be bone dry of oils/liquids. No electronics will be accepted after the event is complete.
- Bottles and Cans Please rinse and be sure items are returnable in MA.

Textile Collection - Clothing, accessories, handbags, linens, shoes, blankets, window treatments, etc. No rags/rugs. Items must be gently used, and in a condition to be resold. If you cannot make it on Halloween, please call office to donate.



Free Community Breakfast
Saturday 8:30-9:30 AM Curb Side Only

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Remain in your car, we will bring your food to you.

St. Patrick's Church, 7 East Street

If you would like to help call 508-234-5656 or e-mail Shelly@mystpatricks.com



Weekly Adoration at 3:00 PM, will include Mass at 4:30 PM and conclude with Adoration until 6:00 PM



Please Note: Starting in October, daily Masses will be at the following times:

Monday and Tuesday: 8:30 AM Wednesdays: 4:30 PM

Some Facebook Posts from Fr. Tomasz

I pray we could simply let God into our lives and get ourselves out of the way. :)

Shanah Tovah (Good New Year) to my Jewish brothers and sisters. :)

The three most important words in the Bible: LOVE NEVER FAILS. :)

Human heart and mind is like a parachute. It does not work if it is not opened. :)



Come Enjoy the Serenity of St. Patrick's Prayer Garden!

This prayerful and beautiful setting is available for all to enjoy some quiet time in rest, peace, prayer and contemplation.

Plenty of benches surround the foliage and colorful flowers planted by our YNIA and YIA groups and the statues of Mary, St. Francis, Angels and our patron saint, St. Patrick grace this garden. Come and listen to the quiet sounds of the water splashing in the fountain as you enjoy this wonderful space. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Located diagonally across the street from the church on Cross Street.



School Year 2020-2021

Let us continue to pray for teachers, students, parents, administrators, school nurses, bus drivers, and staff and all those who support them for their safety and health as they begin this school year. May all students enjoy the comfort of learning in a safe environment and that they grow in knowledge and love throughout the year ahead.





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, , USS Dwight D. Eisenhower, U.S. Army, L.Cpl. Troy Monteville, Stateside, Ensign LTJG Robert McKenzie Baker USCB Base Miami Beach, Capt. Jason Jordan, US Army, So. Korea, Nicole DeFazio, Deployed USS Normandy CG60, Lieutenant Daniel Gerson, Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

ST. PATRICK'S IS OPEN FOR MASSES

Saturday 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 5:00 p.m.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday Daily Masses: 4:30 p.m. (no 8:30 a.m. Mass)

(We decided to move our daily masses from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to accommodate those who were not able to attend Weekend Masses and give ample time to disinfect the church in case of funerals).

Prior to coming to Church

We encourage parishioners and visitors age 65+, those with underlying health conditions or if you do not feel well to remain home and continue to watch our masses live streamed online at both Saturday 4:30 p.m. and Sunday 10:00 a.m.

If you do not feel comfortable coming back to Mass just yet, that is also fine. The suspension of the obligation to come to church continues to be in effect. Just stay home.

If you think that you could have been exposed unwilling to Covid-19 even if you have no symptoms, please stay home and continue to worship with us via live stream.

Important: "Let us know" if you are planning to attend Weekend Mass due to the restricted numbers of parishioners we can accommodate.

Go to the mystpatricks.com home page find the sign up and click on it.



You can also email <u>Jackie@mystpatricks.com</u> or call (508) 234-5656 by Thursday Noon. There is no need to "Let us know" if you are planning to attend daily Masses.

When you arrive at the Church

Enter through the Chapel

- Wearing a mask is mandatory, unless you have a medical condition, when inside of the Church.
- Bring your own hand sanitizer if you can.
- Follow the instructions of the Greeter for seating. Individuals will be seated 6 feet apart while families can sit in one pew together. Unfortunately, you may not be in your "normal" seat.
- No Bulletins will be handed out but will be available online.
- Sing in your heart as it is recommended that we not sing in Church. Our music ministry will sing for us.
- Remain in the pews for Communion. A Eucharistic Minister will come to you. When you receive the host in your hand, consume it after the Eucharistic Minister has moved on to the next person.
- Collection baskets will not be passed during mass. You will see baskets at the entrances of the church for your donations.
- When leaving the church keep 6 feet apart from others.
- If you attend mass and then test COVID positive, it would be very much appreciated if you would let Fr. Tomasz know, so we can confidentially inform and make parishioners aware someone who attended the same mass as they had have tested positive. You can do so confidentially.

Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.
We are looking forward to seeing you!



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