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September 5, 2021

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LIVE STREAM MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday: 4:30 PM

Sunday: 10:00 AM, 5:00 PM

Cable: NCTV 191 & 192

Mon: 12:00 Noon,

Wed. 8:00 AM, Sat: 8:00 AM

Mass schedule

Weekend of Sept. 4 - 5

Sat.	4:30 PM	+ Geraldine and Raymond Armstrong By Mary and John Armstrong
Sun.	8:00 AM	+ Scott Gammon (16th Anniv.) By Ann and Laura Gammon
	10:00 AM	+ Lila Castonguay By a Friend
	5:00 AM	+ People of St. Patrick Parish

Sept. 6 - 10

Mon.	8:30 AM	+ People of St. Patrick Parish
Tues:	8:30 AM	+ People of St. Patrick Parish
Wed.	4:30 PM	+ Ana Afonso By her Family
Thurs.		No Mass
Fri:		No Mass

Weekend of Sept. 11 - 12

Sat.	4:30 PM	+ Ed Quigley (86th Birthday) By his Family
Sun.	8:00 AM	+ Danny Guillaume (23rd Anniv.) By the Guillaume Family
	10:00 AM	+ Edward Charles Courville (10th Anniv.) By his Family
	5:00 AM	+ Robert Bernier By Mary Duquette

Volunteer Support

Wedding Coordinator:

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Sacraments:

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

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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.

Reflections

We are living in strange times. I mean, under normal circumstances, people can become stressed from the daily grind of everyday life, as well as the complexities of relationships and the challenges that come with making difficult decisions. The fact that mask wearing in public during a global pandemic has become an issue for folks to draw their lines in the sand says a lot, at least to me, about the pressure we're all feeling under the weight of present times.



Generally speaking, I don't make very good choices when I'm over-stressed or over-tired (which is like, always!). Over the past couple of weeks, Fr. Tomasz and Deacon Chris have talked about the need for clarity when making important decisions (or any decisions, really). Fr. Tomasz talked about asking the 'Why? - Why am I doing the thing that I'm about to do?', and will it be consistent with the life of love I'm trying to live.

Deacon Chris talked about what it means for us to 'Choose God' and asked us what it meant to us that God chose us? What I got from both is that the way to achieve the clarity needed for good decision making is to choose God and let the love that comes with being chosen by God to influence all of life's choices.

Some choices are easy and automatic, 'Should I step in front of this bus, or wait till it goes past?' But many choices are not automatic and are not easy. Many decisions we make involve complex issues that require deep thought. This is a good thing! Bad things can happen when we seek or are offered easy answers to complex questions. We need God in the room with us when we're making difficult choices. This way, we're starting from a place of love, compassion and forgiveness and can go from there. If we are not approaching decisions with God present in our hearts and minds, then we may end up settling for easy answers and, sometimes, that can lead to blaming others for our problems.

In today's Gospel from Mark, Jesus heals a blind man with a speech impediment (Mark 7:31-37). I'm struck by the fact that this man, and others who experience healing encounters with Jesus in Mark's Gospel (the Phoenician woman - Canaanite in Matthew's Gospel - who's daughter was healed after she told Jesus that 'Yes, but even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the master's table' - Mark 7:28-29) - I'm struck by the fact that these individuals, after their encounters with Jesus, went back into their communities, or back to their homes with the words, the presence of Christ still burning in their hearts. We can tell how impactful that word of mouth was by the crowds that followed Jesus throughout Mark's Gospel.

What a blessing it is for us to be able to encounter Jesus freely. We choose God when we allow those encounters into our relationships, and allow them to inform our decisions.

Choose love. Life is hard enough.

Choose God.

He chose you! Chris

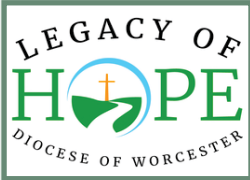
Some Facebook Posts from Fr. Tomasz

We all want to make great choices. Look into your heart, within yourself and stop blaming others. God will show you the way. :)

This simple principle makes so much sense to me no matter what: JUST TELL THE TRUTH. :)

We may be able to defeat Covid-19 by Spring 2022 if enough people GET VACCINATED. :)

How many of us feel like we're not where we want to be right now? Take one step at a time, not 12. :)



LEGACY OF HOPE CAMPAIGN

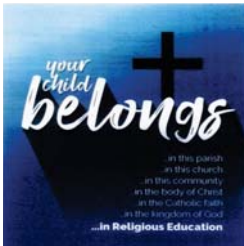
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Faith Formation Information and Registration

September 12th, 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

11th Grade Parents' Meeting: September 12th, 6:15 PM

Grades 5 –8 Parents' Meeting: September 13th, 6:30 PM

WORD4KIDS Is back September 25th



Word for kids will be held during the 10:00 AM Mass. They will be dismissed from Mass to go down to the center where they will have Children's Liturgy of the Word. (Great music and fun while they learn). Students through Grade 5 are encouraged to join us in the parish center. Please have them wear a mask due to close quarters.



Weekly Adoration at 3:00 PM will include Mass at 4:30 PM

and conclude with Adoration until 6:00 PM

Parish Giving :

Budgeted Average Weekly: \$8,500.00

Actual w/e: 8/29/2021: \$5,500.00

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

Upcoming Baptisms:

Sept. 12, 11:30 AM: Aurora Eve Montanari

Upcoming Second Collections:

Sept. 12: Utilities

Sept. 19: St. Patrick's Religious Education





Save the Date: September 26, 2021

After summer gathering!

After the 10:00 AM Mass– 12:20 PM
Music by Chris Bilodeau and Music Ministry

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All are Welcome!



Do you like to knit or crochet? If you do, then the Prayer Shawl Ministry may be of interest to you. Since its beginning in 2007, approximately 1,900 shawls have been gifted to those in need of a "hug from God".

We also provide the white garment for the baptisms here at Saint Patrick's. Whatever time you have to give is up to you. On Saturday, September 11th we will be returning to in person meetings. The meetings begin at 9:30 AM in the parish center. Please come and join us. You may also contact Tina Pilibosian at cpilibosian@gmail.com or 508-887-0497 with any questions.



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Many Grandparents have been frustrated by the isolation from their grandchildren. It is very important for most Catholic Grandparents to carry on the Faith in their families. St Patrick's is offering a book, "[Catholic](#) Grandparents Handbook, Creative ways to show Love, Share faith, and have fun". It gives guidance in the role of grandparents, other Grandparents, maintaining a close relationship, praying with grandchildren, avoiding pitfalls, forgiveness, Family Traditions and having fun. The first 10 books are free. Additional copies are \$15.00 for each book. Books are available in the chapel. Just sign up when you take one. Or if you want to order more copies.



RCIA, *The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*

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.

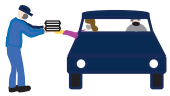


Let Us Pray for Those in the Service

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, SPC Charles Butler, US Army National Guard, Saudi Arabia



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officesupport@mystpatricks.com or call the rectory office: 508-234-5656.

Halloween Recycling Event

Coming again this Halloween.....recycling event on Saturday, October 30th! Once again there will be stations for paper shredding; bottles/cans; gently used textiles/accessories; electronics. For more information, please call the rectory or email officesupport@mystpatricks.com. All profits will benefit YNIA service projects.





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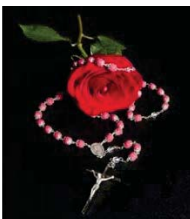
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