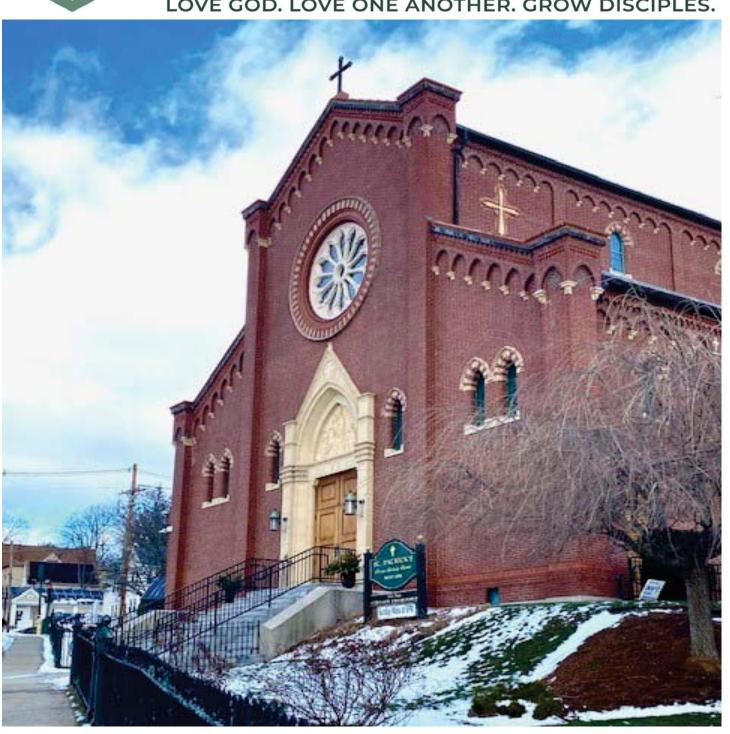


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Saturday: 4:30 PM

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

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

Weekend of Feb. 19-20

Sat 4:30 PM +

Sun. . 8:00 AM + George Gigarjian

By Ed and Sue Flamand

10:00 AM + Jeannette & Gerald Richer

By Bill & Kathy Richer

5:00 PM + People of St. Patrick

Week of Feb. 21-25

Mon. 8:30 AM People of the Parish

Tues. 8:30 AM People of the Parish

Wed. 4:30 PM + Peter Chamberlain

By a Friend

Thurs. & Fri. No Mass

Weekend of Feb. 26-27

Sat 4:30 PM + Terry Buma

By Sal & Linda DiAmato

Sun. . 8:00 AM + People of the Parish

10:00 AM + Fr. Denis O'Brien

By Friends

5:00 PM + People of St. Patrick

The Mass book is open for the months of April-June on March 1. If you would like to book a mass in memory of a loved one, please call the rectory at 508-234-5656.

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Reflections:

Our Gospel reading this weekend is from Luke 6:27-38, and as we learned last week, this is Luke's version of the Sermon on the Mount, which is in Matthew's Gospel. Luke's version is referred to as the Sermon on the Plain, because instead of going up the hill to preach from atop, Jesus comes down to a level place to speak to the gathering crowd. Last week, we heard Luke's version of the Beatitudes - this week, Jesus goes into detail with practical examples of the kind of love he is speaking of.



Jesus is also doing something else in this passage, he is challenging our perspectives and, amazingly to me, Jesus is teaching us how to see ourselves and our actions as a potential extension of God's love on earth. Have you ever had a teacher or mentor or parent who got you to look at yourself in a new light? Powerful, right? How about someone who taught you to not only see yourself differently, but somehow also managed to bring God into sharper focus? Jesus takes it up a billion notches to a whole 'nother level by giving us a new vision of not only ourselves, and not only of God, but a new vision of God within us, working through us, crashing through our old selves, and reaching through us to touch our world with a love so powerful, that no one who experiences it is ever the same. In other words, if we allow ourselves to accept God's love for us, then we can allow that love to flow into others by our loving actions - and - when we allow ourselves to see others as equally deserving of God's love, that love boomerangs back at us and we are reminded of just how powerful God's love and mercy has been in our own lives.

To put it simply, Jesus teaches us to see others (and ourselves) through the loving lens of our Heavenly Father.

The so-called *Golden Rule* of 'do unto others as you would have done unto you' didn't originate with Jesus. In one form or another, this principle can be found in ancient Hebrew, Egyptian, Hindu, and Chinese texts. But with Jesus, this wasn't just one rule in a list of hundreds, this was the only rule, the only way. Jesus took this ancient philosophy and brought it to the very limits of human endurance, and in the process, tore it down and put it back together again to reveal something new, something that not even death could extinguish. Through his suffering, Jesus showed us how much we are loved. Through his death, Jesus opened the doors to eternity.

It is God who makes all things possible. So, imagine if we could all see each other through God's eyes? If we could see each other's potential, each other's gifts, each other's goodness, and worth as God does - why then, would we want to harm each other, tear each other down, gossip, slander or dehumanize one another?

Peace, CB



Your children are invited to come to a fun session of Word4Kidz during the 10 AM Mass every Sunday while you listen to the Readings, Gospel and Homily. Word4Kidz is offered for Pre-School on up.

Parents and Grandparents are welcome to accompany hesitant little ones, too!

Please - if your child is sick don't send them to participate in this group.

We ask that children wear masks.



ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2 MASS SCHEDULE

8:30 AM

12:00 Noon will be live-streamed

6:00 PM

Will be open for take-out. Ash Wednesday, March 2 from 4:30-7:00 PM



Call 508-234-3232 to pre-order

Fish Dinners: \$12

Clam Chowder: \$4/cup or \$6/bowl

Mac and Cheese: \$5

Back by popular demand Jim from Peg's Diner will be our chief.

Please Help! Donations needed for the NAC Community Food Pantry

Supplies are really low for cereal and coffee at the food panty. Any donation would be greatly appreciated. Supplies can be dropped off at the pantry or put in the boxes at the entrances of the church.

Thanks!



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Upcoming Second Collections:

Catholic Free Press (No Date)
March 2: Priest's Retirement

2021 parish çivinç: Actual Income (in Dollars)

January

	Need \$	Received \$	Weekly \$ Difference	Year to Date Difference \$
1/2	8,718.50	8,624.00	-94.50	-13,225.00
1/9	8,718.50	9,604.00	885.50	-12,339.50
1/16	8,718.50	12,962.00	4,243.50	-8,096.00
1/23	8,718.50	6,415.00	-2,303.50	-10,399.50
1/30	8,718.50	5,849.00	2,869.50	-13,269.00

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February Weekly \$ Year to Date Need \$ Received \$ Difference Difference \$ 2/6 8,718.50 8,403.00 -315.50 -13,584.50 2/13 8.718.50 9.115.00 396.50 -13.188.00 2/20 2/26



Consider Our Lady of the Valley School, Uxbridge, for your children's education.

Our Lady of the Valley Regional School Update

Welcome to the OLV update, a biweekly entry to your parish bulletin. Here we will post news and information regarding Our Lady of the Valley Regional School, the wonderful Catholic elementary school and middle school academy located in the Blackstone Valley, sponsored and supported by Good Shepherd Parish, St. Mary Parish, St. Patrick Parish and St. Peter Parish. We are blessed to have your prayers and support!

Our Lady of the Valley School recognized Catholic Schools Week as January turned to February, and we did so with a renewed focus on the faith. During Catholic Schools Week, we celebrated the entities that support and make Catholic education valuable and special: our parishes; our community; our nation; those in or pursuing vocations; and our outstanding faculty, staff and volunteers. We also sponsored a school wide ministry project in support of Visitation House, and, although our Friday Prayers of the Rosary was missed because of a weather related school cancellation, the week culminated in fine fashion with a school wide Eucharistic Adoration.

Our students have begun to use the recently opened G.R.A.C.E. Center, and though some finishing touches are still being added, the classrooms now house our Middle School Academy, and the gymnasium has been in use not only for physical education classes, basketball practices and games but also for our indoor recesses during inclement weather. Concurrently, we have reopened our renovated library space which houses our book collection, a reading space and a computer lab. Over the next several months, we plan to develop a modern Makerspace in this area, replete with 3-D printers, a robotics table and coding software. We are very grateful to our community volunteers who have donated of their time and talents to transform this space and who continue its development!

God Bless You and Yours!

Ed Reynolds

Principal

Our Lady of the Valley Regional School

Loved at home. Loved at school. Loved by God.

YIA Recycle Event



Have you been cleaning out during this cold winter? Our Youth in Action group may be able to take items off your hands at our Spring Recycling event on May 7th from 8am - 1pm. We will be accepting textiles, electronics for a fee & rinsed bottles/cans. We will also have a station for paper shredding from 9am - 11am only. Stay tuned for more information in upcoming bulletins!



Weekly Adoration continues from 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM it includes Mass at 4:30PM.



If you would like a copy of your giving for tax purposes please contact the office.

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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 Leonard Wood, Missouri, Lt. Col. Josh Robinson, US Marines



Free Community Breakfast - Curb Side Only—Sat. 8:30-9:30 AM, St. Patrick's Church, 7 East St.

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Please consider serving those in need. Please contact Shelly at 508-234-5656 or Shelly@mystpatricks.com to find out how you can get involved.



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.





Interfaith Hospitality Network St. Patrick's Parish is a sponsor of the Interfaith Hospitality Network, a non-profit organization in Worcester that supports homeless families. Volunteers from St. Patrick's provide food/meals and supervisor for two weeks out of the year. We want to thank everyone from our parish for their time, treasure and talent in 2021 for supporting IHN. This outreach ministry is critical for families in the Worcester area that are working to build a sustainable life for

themselves and their children. For those members of our parish that would like to support this community ministry and make a difference for a struggling family, we ask that you prayerful consider: * Making a monetary donation, payable to IHN and can be dropped off at the rectory. Each group that supports IHN must pay \$2,400 to cover the expenses of the house. * Make a meal or supervise one of the shifts during the 2022 that St. Patrick's supports the shelter: April 10 - 16, 2022 is our next scheduled date. * Pray for the success of this ministry as we work in the name of Jesus to make the difference in the lives of those less fortunate.

If you are available and would like to help with our next date please e-mail: Gracia Casey:gcasey144@gmail.com Fred Beauregard:fbmbcbjb@charter.net.

We are scheduled for April 10-16. Shift are: Sunday - Thursday = 5:30pm-8:30pm; 8:30pm-6:30am Friday and Saturday = 5:30pm-8:30pm; 8:30pm-8:30am



NAC Food Pantry (508-234-4599) Open Tues. 10 AM - Noon & Thurs. 1:00-3:00 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.



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