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**Our prayers and best wishes to the following
parishioners who are receiving the Sacrament
of Confirmation on April 27th:**

Madelyn Andresen

Christian Bedard

Giovanni Biagioni

Haily Billmyer

Sean Cahalane

Elizabeth Connolly

Nicholas D'Alfonso

Ryan Flaherty

Matthew Godin

Samantha Jones

Trysta Lamarche

William Leonard

Adrienne Marshall

Jackson Mastroianni

Sean McGrath

Zachary O'Meara

Olivia Poschmann

Kassandra Pouliot

Julia Saksa

Brandon Spiller

Jonathon Spiller

Joseph Trainor

Emma Vaughan

Third Sunday of Easter

April 23, 2023

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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 April 22 - 23

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| Sat | 4:30 PM | + Judy Gressak
By the Spratt Family |
| Sun. | 8:00 AM | + Domingos Alves (Birthday Remembrance)
By his Family |
| | 10:00 AM | + Michael Wilga and Barbara Jolly
By Family |
| | 5:00 PM | + Confirmation Students
By the People of St. Patrick's |

Week of April 24 - 28

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| Mon. | 8:30 AM | + People of St. Patrick Parish |
| Tues. | 8:30 AM | + People of St. Patrick Parish |
| Wed: | 4:30 PM | + People of St. Patrick Parish |
| Thurs. & Fri. | | No Mass |

Weekend of April 29 - 30

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| Sat | 4:30 PM | + John Robinson
By his Family |
| Sun. | 8:00 AM | + People of St. Patrick Parish |
| | 10:00 AM | + People of St. Patrick parish |
| | 5:00 PM | + Confirmation Students
By the People of St. Patrick's |

SACRAMENTS:

Masses: Sat. 4:30pm; Sun. 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 5:00 PM

Confession: Sat. 3:30-4:00 PM

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

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The Mass book is open for the months April-June.
If you would like to book a mass in memory of a loved one,
please call the rectory at 508-234-5656. The stipend for the
Mass is \$10.00.

Reflections :

Calling All Scouts!

"Duty to God"



One of the best things about being a parent, in my humble opinion, is seeing your kids experience some of the same activities you did at their age. Though my own scouting journey was short-lived, being the last born I think my parents were just too tired, it

was remarkable. I suppose the greatest part of scouting was that it allowed me to grow closer to my parents and to others through scouting. What I learned as a scout was exciting and informative. It helped to shape a small part of my life but filled it with wonderful memories.

Scouting is filled with many opportunities to grow as both a person and as a member of the community. From fishing, hiking, environmental science, and more scouts learn valuable skills that will guide them throughout their lives. But did you know that there is a series of Catholic-based awards kids and their families can earn? Beginning at Cub Scouts kids can learn to be the Light of Christ in their homes, schools, and community. Designed for Cub Scouts ages 7-8 years old, the Light of Christ medal program encourages scouts and their families to dive deeper into their faith. Scouts ages 8-10 years old can continue to learn about the faith with the Parvuli Dei award. This faith journey invites scouts and their loved ones to become the "Family of God" and to think about what that means.

When scouts move from the pack into the troop the journey continues with the Ad Altare Dei award. This medal helps scouts to learn more about the sacraments, the teachings of the Church, and much more. My son just completed this medal program and learned a great deal about what it means to be a Catholic. Should your scout wish to continue the final award is the Pope Pius XII award. This program is designed to help older scouts understand the roles and responsibilities of young adult Catholics in the world.

It has been a wonderful journey for our family to see how much our scouts and the others have learned about the faith and their role in it. If you are interested in having your scout sign up please feel free to visit the Worcester Diocese page on Catholic Scouting at <https://neworchester.org/scouting>. Workbooks for any of the programs are available online or at Scouting Stores in Massachusetts.



God Bless,
Deacon Chris





Save the Date: August 14-18, 2023

St. Patrick's VBS 2023

9am to 12pm

Preschool through 4th grade

\$35 per child

**Can't wait to see what the Rainforest has
for us to explore!**



Coming Up this Summer -

Vacation Bible School is back this summer with "Rainforest Explorers." Our Preschool through 4th graders are invited to join us Monday, August 14th, through Friday, August 18th, from 9 am to 12 pm as we adventure through the jungle and learn more about Jesus. Cost is \$35 per student. Registration and more information can be found on our website.

All students in grades 5th through finishing 8th are invited to joint Youth in Action Jr. (YIA Jr.) Monday, August 7th, through Friday, August 11th, from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. We will spend the morning doing service at local organizations and the afternoons will be faith and fun. Weather permitting, on our last day we will go to Breezy Acres. Cost is \$100 per student. Registration and more information can be found on our website.

***Come join our St. Patrick Parish
Family and experience what
an awesome parish this is for
yourself and your loved ones!
All are welcome!***

All students in 7th through 12th grade who would love to play recreational volleyball for St. Patrick's against other teams across the Diocese, can sign up is on our website. No experience is needed. Just be willing to have fun and learn as you go. Games are Monday nights starting June 12th. Cost is \$30.



Spring Recycling Event

St. Patrick's Spring Recycling Event - June 10th from 8am - 1pm

Church parking lot. The profits will benefit upcoming YIA service projects. Please

keep items for each station separate. If you cannot make it on event day, please call office to donate. For more information & electronics pricing, call 508-234-5656 or

email officesupport@mystpatrick.com. Stations for textiles, gently used books, paper shredding for a fee 9am -11am only, bottles/cans, and electronics for a fee. Thank you for your support!

BOOKS - Gently used books accepted; no encyclopedias.

TEXTILE RECYCLING ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

Please donate gently used clothing and textiles (no stains). Acceptable items include... Clothing; shoes; hats; scarves; handbags; wallets; totes; accessories; jewelry; backpacks; table cloths/linens; bed linens; blankets; throws; window treatments, fabric by the yard/quilting squares (no scraps); yarn. Suitcases that can fit in a trash bag are also acceptable. Please load items into trash bags! NO RAGS/ RUGS, NO TOYS/HOUSEWARES & NO MAT-TRESSES.

Prayer for the Third Sunday of Easter-

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me and I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself and the fact that I think I am following Your will does not mean that I am actually doing so.

But, I believe that the desire to please You does in fact please You.

And, I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.

And, I know that if I do this

You will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it.

Therefore, will I trust You always, though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death.

I will not fear, for You are ever with me and You will never leave me to face my perils alone. Amen.

—Thomas Merton

Job Opening:

Cemetery Superintendent and Facilities and Grounds Manager

Approximately 32 Hours / Week

Contact Father Tomasz for

more information.



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:

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,

St. Patrick's 125th Anniversary Golf Tournament

Saturday, May 20, 2023

Registration - 12 Noon

Where: Blackstone National
Golf and Country Club

4-PERSON FLORIDA-STYLE SCRAMBLE

Shotgun Start at 1:30 PM

ENTRY FEE: \$150 PER PLAYER

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RAFFLES

ST. PATRICK'S GOLF COMMITTEE:

ANTHONY GUERRA - CO CHAIR, LIZ BAKER - CO CHAIR,

LORI GUERRA, JULIE CRAY, & CHERYL TIVNAN

To access the Registration and
Sponsorship Form please go to
mystpatrick.com or call the
office at 508-234-5656

Upcoming Second Collections:

April 23: Utilities

April 30: Heating

To Give a Contribution:

Text the word **mystpatrick**s to the number 508-475-5725 and it will bring you to the link to donate.

Scan this **QR Code** with your phone and it will bring you to our giving link.



OR: For **VENMO** accounts, search business for:



OR: For **PAYPAL** search @StPatricksParish.

Also, please consider St. Patrick Parish for a Charitable Bequest as part of your estate planning.



Mar. / Apr. '23

	Need \$	Received \$	Weekly \$ Difference	Year to Date Difference \$
3/5	\$8,700.00	\$9,611.00	+\$ 911.00	- \$ 5,335.00
3/12	\$8,700.00	\$7,751.00	- \$ 949.00	- \$ 6,284.00
3/19	\$8,700.00	\$8,558.00	-\$ 142.00	- \$ 6,426.00
3/26	\$8,700.00	\$6,562.00	-\$ 2,138.00	- \$ 8,564.00
4/2	\$8,700.00	\$11,236.00	+\$ 2,536.00	-\$ 6,028.00
4/9	\$8,700.00	\$ 7,886.00	-\$ 814.00	-\$6,842.00

Who Travels With You? (By Fr. Mark Suslenko)

Third Sunday of Easter, April 23, 2023 - Acts 2:14, 22-23, 1 Peter 1:17-21, Luke 24:13-35

Pope Benedict XVI suggests that “Emmaus is really everywhere, the road that leads there is the path of every Christian, indeed, every human being.” From the time we develop the gift of reason, our journeys are adventures that seek to understand the past, find joy in the present, and plot the course for the future. We are constantly in dialogue with ourselves, others, and God. We try to put together the pieces of the past so that we can understand how we came to be where we are today and what we need to do in order to face tomorrow. We reach for voices that can help us interpret and learn from events and circumstances that have affected us, helping us make sense of where life has brought us. We need to listen to the right voices as we ponder a pivotal question: where is the road of my life going to end? If we are not cautious, we can easily be deceived.

When we are walking through life with our heads held high, spunk in our step and eyes twinkling bright with glances to heaven, all is right with the world, it is easier to see God’s hand. God’s glory dances in myriad ways around us and the hand of His loving presence holds ours as we exhale songs of praise. When life’s disappointments, challenges, and difficulties are in recession and the warmth of joy’s rays are shining on our face, it is easier to see God’s love and guidance. Everything is in sync. But, when sorrow, failure, disappointment, and fear weigh us down, our eyes are fixed downward, and we walk through life looking downcast. We carry heavy burdens. We see not what is above but what is below and easily tire from the sacks we carry. It is harder to see God’s love when we are hurting and feeling betrayed or abandoned. Finding meaning in life’s ugliness can be an arduous task indeed. We need a discerning eye.

Is God a real Being or simply an idea that we entertain? Often, we reduce God to a set of ideas, rules, expectations, theories, and principles and neglect seeing him as a Real Presence who walks with us. What are we expecting God to do? If we are expecting God to rearrange and fix the disjointed and broken furniture of our lives, then we may end up very disappointed. Even the disciples on the Road of Emmaus suffered from this myopic shortsightedness. They were expecting Jesus to put Israel back together, save it from the Romans and redeem it! That’s what they were hoping for! Instead, he was killed, and they were seemingly left alone with all of their broken furniture. Their misconceived expectations blinded them to what was really going on. We lose our sight, too. Our hope gets displaced.

God’s Word wonderfully keeps it all in balance. It holds together life and death, suffering and healing, grace and sin, joy and despair, justice and injustice, and faith and doubt. The Word, who was with God from the beginning bursts forth into the Word made flesh with creative love, sustaining and creating all things for all times and in all ages. The Word, captured in the pages of Scripture, is the only thing that can interpret our lives and help us find the presence of God. The Word alone helps us lift our eyes from what is below and fix them on what is above regardless of time and circumstance. It is the Word who helps us walk with purpose and determination reminding us how foolish we are not to believe all that has gone before us. We need to trust that our companions in faith, whose lives of fidelity and witness abound in Sacred Scripture, are here to help us and interpret all that is happening.

We are called to walk with purpose and listen to and notice things that may not at first be apparent. We have to allow the One who has special claim on our soul to enlighten, instruct and inspire us! The incarnate Mystery of God is pulsating in and through all of creation, which is where the presence of the Word who became flesh can be discovered. He has been with us all along. How could we have missed him? We can become too preoccupied with ourselves and forget which kingdom is the one to which we must give our allegiance. We forget that we travel a road whose destiny ends here but whose end is in eternity. Sometimes, our slowness to understand is intentional as we struggle with whether it is our will or God’s will that is supposed to be done. We allow all of the busyness to rob us of the silence needed to simply “be” and understand.

There is something mystically, simply, majestically, and profoundly beautiful and centering about the Eucharist. There is a presence discovered there in the simplicity of some of God’s most basic gifts: flour, water, and fruit. It’s almost so simple that we find it hard to believe. Wouldn’t God want to make a grander and more spectacular entrance into our lives? God chooses to walk as we walk, beside us and with us, feeling as we feel. It is an incredible moment of connection when we “take and eat,” becoming one with all of our brothers and sisters and one with our God, who is our Emmanuel (God with us). There as we take and eat our eyes are opened as we stand before the cross and death, the grave and life. It is there where not with words or thoughts but with the profound language of our souls we give voice to our faith that God is here and all is well. The eyes of our hearts are lifted high above the cross, beyond the tensions and tragedies of life. And, for a moment it all makes sense, we see clearly, and all is well. We must rest, and learn to see with the eyes of our souls.

In listening deeply to the enlightenment that comes from the Word made flesh and the written word of Sacred Scripture and the nourishment and encounter that is discovered in the Eucharist, we become more like Christ. In becoming more like Christ, we gain confidence and are able to walk through whatever life brings with head held high. Our traveling companions of faith, hope, and love are with us.

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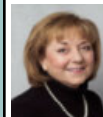


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