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LOVE GOD. LOVE ONE ANOTHER. GROW DISCIPLES.

Hail

Holy

Queen

enthroned

above,

O, Maria!



*Last Sunday's crowning of Mary by our
First Eucharist students.*

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2023

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

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

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mon.-thurs. 9:00 am - 3:00 pm; closed Fridays

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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 May 20 - 21

Sat 4:30 PM + John O'Brien
By his Friends

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

10:00 AM + Domingos Alves and Ana Alfonso
By their Family

5:00 PM + Patricia Lord (9th Anniv.)
By her Family

Week of May 22 - 26

Mon. 8:30 AM + John O'Brien
By Ruth Coady

Tues. 8:30 AM + People of St. Patrick Parish

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

Thurs. & Fri. No Mass

Weekend of May 27 - 28

Sat 4:30 PM + Jeannine Patnode
By her Friends

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

10:00 AM + Robert Coasola
By his Family

5:00 PM + People of St. Patrick Parish

The Mass book will open for the months July-August on June 1. 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 :

On Thursday we celebrated the Ascension of Jesus Christ into Heaven. It must have been an exciting moment in the life of the Church. Not only was Jesus returning home, but the disciples were now given the commandment to go and spread the faith. Jesus says, “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations,



baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” The faith now fell to the disciples to carry on the mission of Christ. Because of their belief, the word of God and the gift of baptism has spread to the far corners of the Earth.

As a deacon, I use this phrase during every baptism. Each of us was baptized with the very same words that the disciples were given by Christ. In that way, we are all connected to the Ascension and the promises of eternal life. Knowing that we must be about the work of the Lord. Each of us, by the gift of our baptism, are sons and daughters of God and called to share the good news of the Gospel.

One of my favorite movies is Disney-Pixar's Finding Nemo. At the end of the movie, all of the fish find themselves finally in the sea. They are in awe of all that surrounds them and as the credits begin to roll, the puffer fish turns to the others and says, “Now what?” Indeed. Knowing that we have this great commandment to spread the Gospel we must all ask ourselves that very same question.

God Bless,
Deacon Chris

Some Recent Facebook Postings from Fr. Tomasz

Hope and have faith that God will lead you through anything and everything. :) Do not let your heart be troubled.

I believe God walks with us all along even if we can't see and feel his presence at the moment. :)

The greatest joy for any priest and pastor is to be with and see his parishioners. You are my family. :)

I have so many intentions to pray for, so if you could join in, I would appreciate it so much. :)

Knights of Columbus, Mumford Council #365



THANK YOU to all the parishioners who have so generously contributed to the Knights of Columbus #365 Mumford Council **BABY SHOWER**.

Your support will go a long way helping the young mothers at Problem Pregnancy in Worcester who have chosen to keep their babies.

Coming Up!

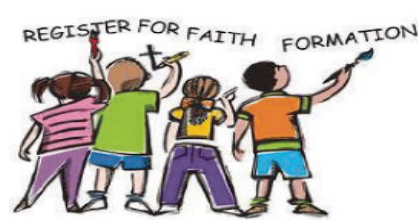
Bike Blessing, Ice Cream Party, Faith Formation Registration!

Sunday June 4th after the 10 am Mass by the entrance to

the St. Patrick's Parish Hall!!!

Can't wait to start summer just a little early!!!!

BLESSING
of the
Bikes



Upcoming Baptisms:

May 21: Brody Kevin McMurray, 11:30 AM

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.

Upcoming Second Collections:

May 14: Audio/Visual Ministry

May 18: Ascension May 28: Air Conditioning



			Weekly	Year to date
	Budgeted	Received	Difference	Difference
2-Apr	\$ 8,700.00	\$ 11,231.00	\$ 2,531.00	\$ (6,183.00)
9-Apr	\$ 8,700.00	\$ 7,881.00	\$ (819.00)	\$ (7,002.00)
16-Apr	\$ 8,700.00	\$ 10,032.00	\$ 1,332.00	\$ (5,670.00)
23-Apr	\$ 8,700.00	\$ 8,844.00	\$ 144.00	\$ (5,523.00)
30-Apr	\$ 8,700.00	\$ 9,571.00	\$ 871.00	\$ (4,655.00)
7-May	\$ 8,700.00	\$ 9,051.00	\$ 351.00	\$ (4,304.00)
14-May	\$ 8,700.00	\$ 7,306.00	\$ (1,394.00)	\$ (5,698.00)



St. Patrick's Spring Recycling Event

St. Patrick's Spring Recycling Event will take place on Saturday, June 10th from 8am - 1pm in the 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. Thank you for your support!

On Site Paper Shredding - 9am-11am only. \$8/per copy paper size box. No x-rays; 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.

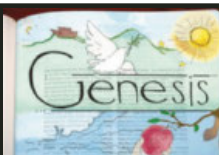
Bottles/Cans - Please rinse. Items must be returnable in MA. If possible, place glass bottles in original cardboard containers, but not required.

Textile Collection – 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 MATTRESSES**

BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS! - donate gently used books (no charge) No encyclopedias!

Job Opening:

**Cemetery Superintendent and
Facilities and Grounds Manager**
Approximately 32 Hours / Week
**Contact Father Tomasz for
more information.**



On-Going Bible Study

The Book of Genesis is being explained and discussed from a different perspective each Wednesday evening at 6:00 PM in the Parish Chapel. Started during Lent but continuing each week, this unique approach to understanding the Bible is led by Davis Shearer. All are welcome!



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, Lt. Col. Josh Robinson, US Marines



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!**



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

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.

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.

Be My Witnesses by Allison Gingras

For Sunday, May 21, 2023 : The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11, Ephesians 1:17-23, Matthew 28:16-20

For my 40th birthday, I wished only for a fancy pedicure — a real indulgent one complete with a massage where I could relax and escape the stress of life. On my way to the appointment, I stopped for a coffee and, while in line, this nudge to be open to sharing my faith if the opportunity arose stirred in my heart. Only moments into my birthday treat pedicure — reclined, eyes closed and prepared for an hour of quiet, I hear, "Oh, you wear a crucifix, you must be Catholic. I left for a church that follows the Bible." Opening one eye and peering toward heaven, I smirked with a wry acknowledgment of recognizing the day's earlier prompting to be open to being a witness of faith. While I wouldn't say I liked the timing, I obediently sat up and offered my attention to engaging in a friendly dialog about my faith.

The nail technician and I had a delightful conversation, including Saint Jerome's work in translating the Bible, the abundance of Scripture found in a Catholic Mass, and my love of daily meditation on the Word of God. We remained respectful, enlightened, and often amazed by the numerous similarities in our spiritual journeys. Over ten years later, our paths have never again crossed, and I will never know this side of heaven if our conversation inspired her to revisit her Catholic faith. The Lord did not ask me to convert or convince but to simply witness and share all the blessings He had (and continues) to bestow in my life. To acknowledge and relate when He touched my heart and renewed my waning faith. That is the core of evangelization, telling how an encounter with Christ has changed you for the better and increased your desire to know, serve and love him even more.

Are you willing to continue the work of the Apostles, allowing the power of the Holy Spirit —received in your baptism and strengthened in your Confirmation, to encourage you to share Jesus — especially along the normal course of your day? To be open to speaking to what you believe, why you attend Catholic Mass, and help, when necessary, correct misconceptions many people hold against the Catholic faith. That morning, while I listened to this young woman explain why she left the Catholic Church, my heart hurt at how little she knew of the faith and the role that lack of catechesis played in her departure. Recognizing, as she spoke, what she sought had actually been left behind because no one taught her the truth. She left to find Jesus, but he was right there because nowhere is he more present than in the Eucharist.

Jesus promises, just before he ascends into heaven, to send the Holy Spirit. The Spirit animates us in our following Christ more closely, to know and understand what we believe, and to have the courage to proclaim what we believe. What a magnificent gift. These "special graces are given to enable [us] to spread and defend the faith by word and deed as a true witness to Christ" (Didache Bible; CCC 900). The Catholic Church is missionary. Jesus did not intend for only the Apostles to go and make disciples. We, through our baptism, are likewise commis-

sioned to profess the faith. We must allow the plentitude of graces and blessings we receive to provide us the courage and wisdom to encourage many other souls to encounter Jesus and pursue a path to holiness and heaven.

PRAYER:

May I be open every day to courageously share how encountering the Risen Lord changes our life as beloved disciples.

May I take advantage of opportunities that occur within the normal course of my day to share the Good News.

Our goal is not only to reach the gates of heaven — the very ones Jesus opened through his love and sacrifice, but more importantly, through our own love and sacrifice, answering his call to witness to all the ends of the earth is to bring as many others with us as possible — even if it only brings us around the corner to the local salon.

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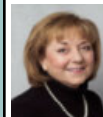


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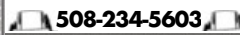
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