



st. patrick's

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

LOVE GOD. LOVE ONE ANOTHER. GROW DISCIPLES.



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 23, 2023

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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.

508-234-5656

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office hours:

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

Rectory Fax: 508-234-6845

Parish Website: www.mystpatricks.com

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 July 22 - 23

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

Sun. 8:00 AM + Lisa Coneeny

By her Family

10:00 AM + People of St. Patrick Parish

5:00 PM + People of St. Patrick Parish

Week of July 24 - 28

**THERE WILL BE A EUCHARISTIC SERVICE AT
8:30 AM ON MONDAYS AND TUESDAYS IN JULY
AND AUGUST UNTIL AUG. 14th**

Wed. 4:30 PM + Christopher Brennan (25th Anniv.)

By his Wife and Family

Thurs. & Fri. No Mass

Weekend of July 29 - 30

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

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

10:00 AM + People of St. Patrick Parish

5:00 PM + People of St. Patrick Parish

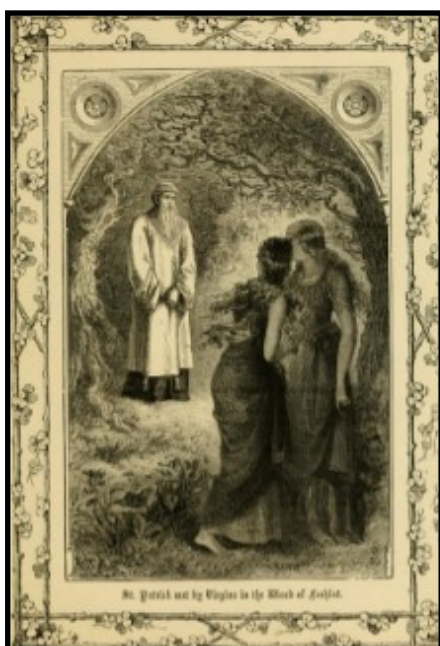
The Mass book is open for the months July-September. If you would like to book a mass in memory of a loved one, please call the rectory at 508-234-5656. The stipend for the Mass is \$10.00.

Reflections :

Faith Found in Stained Glass



When we look around Saint Patrick's Church one of its most distinguishing features is the wonderful stained glass windows. Stained glass windows were championed by a 12th century abbot by the name of Suger. He believed that the light of Heaven was captured by the glass and gave the people a taste of the splendor of the Kingdom of God. As most people were illiterate, the windows also served to inspire and instruct people in the Bible. For those of us who sometimes become lost in the glory of the Mass, these windows might also help us to wonder at the majesty of God. Over my next few columns I hope to explore with you the amazing stories of the saints depicted in our windows.



Saint Ethnea and Saint Fidelmia were sisters and were born to a pagan king of Ireland named Laoghaire of Connaught. Much of their life story comes from the biography of Saint Patrick and of course oral traditions. The story goes that these two young women met Saint Patrick while he rested near a local well. The women had come to the well as part of their morning rituals and when they saw Patrick and his followers mistook them for gods. Ireland of course was polytheistic in those days. They approached Patrick and asked him if he was a god. Patrick replied that he was not a god and that there was only one God who reigned over Heaven and Earth. As he preached to them, their hearts became opened by the Holy Spirit and they longed to see the face of Christ and to make him their bridegroom. Patrick asked them if they believed in God, in everlasting life, forgiveness of sins, and in the unity of the church. This profession of faith they made with him willingly. He then bestowed upon them a beautiful white veil and they consecrated their lives to Christ. Patrick continued to preach to them on the mystery of the Eucharist which they received with great joy. And it is said that upon receiving Christ, who was their heart's desire, they fell asleep and entered into Heaven. The story of these two saints spread throughout Connaught and led to the conversion of many lords, commoners, and others who knew the young women. So inspired by their faith, they too wished to know God.

What I see in the story of Saints Ethnea and Saint Fidelmia is how our lives can have an amazing impact on others. We have it in our hands to be examples of love and justice that inspires others just as they did. So we pray to God through the intercession of Saints Ethnea and Fidelmia that our lives might become like theirs. That by living our lives in Christ we might inspire others to seek him.

God Bless,
Deacon Chris



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 St. Mary Parish, St. Patrick Parish and St. Peter Parish. We are blessed to have your prayers and support!

As we constructed The G.R.A.C.E. Center at OLV, we anticipated a variety of ways that our students would benefit dramatically from this modern, detailed athletic and academic facility. We knew that they would be excited to have sports practices, home games, gym classes and indoor recess at a beautiful, on-campus gymnasium for the first time. We equipped the building with the latest educational technologies in order to improve instructional and research opportunities. We knew also that the building addition would increase and improve our offerings in the Fine Arts. All of this and more has come to pass, and we couldn't be prouder or happier with how The G.R.A.C.E. Center has enhanced the school experience for the entire community.

This summer, we have realized other ancillary benefits of constructing The G.R.A.C.E. Center. In June, we partnered with St. Mary's Parish to host the Divine Renovation Ministry, using the gymnasium for keynote presentations to over one hundred and twenty attendees, offering coffee and ... through the concession stand and lobby and holding break out sessions in the classrooms. This singular event brought participants from across New England, all duly impressed by their experience and surroundings. We are also hosting Summer Activity Days in The G.R.A.C.E. Center this summer, a series of themed day camps for kids throughout the Blackstone Valley. Each one of them is having an absolute blast working, playing and learning in our modern, air conditioned spaces. We are very grateful for the expansion of services that The G.R.A.C.E. Center has enabled!

Thank you and God bless you and yours,

Ed Reynolds, Principal

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

Upcoming Second Collections:

July 23: Youth in Action

July 30: Air Conditioning Aug.

6: Audio-Visual Ministry

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.



			Weekly	Year to date
	Budgeted	Received	Difference	Difference
4-Jun	\$ 8,700.00	\$ 1,012.00	\$ 1,420.00	\$ (3,809.00)
11-Jun	\$ 8,700.00	\$ 6,944.00	\$ (1,756.00)	\$ (5,565.00)
18-Jun	\$ 8,700.00	\$ 6,909.00	\$ (1,791.00)	\$ (7,356.00)
26-Jun	\$ 8,700.00	\$ 7,595.00	\$ (1,105.00)	\$ (8,461.00)
2-Jul	\$ 8,700.00	\$ 9,730.00	\$ 1,030.00	\$ (7,431.00)
9-Jul	\$ 8,700.00	\$ 8,090.00	\$ (610.00)	\$ (8,041.00)
16-Jul	\$ 8,700.00	\$ 6,313.00	\$ (2,387.00)	\$ (10,428.00)



Please continue to pray
for our 33 Youth in Action
Teens from St. Patrick
and Our Lady of the Lake
Churches.
They are in Cincinnati on
their Mission Service Trip.



Recycling News

Next YIA Recycling Event, Saturday October 21st.

We will have stations for Clothing & Textiles; Books; Bottles & Cans; Electronics for A Fee; Paper Shredding for a Fee.

Also new this Autumn - donate gently used media (video tapes; cassettes; video games; vinyl records; CD's & DVD's).

Bottles & Cans - Bottles and cans can be turned in throughout the year. Unfortunately, we will no longer be accepting glass bottles of any kind.

We are currently seeking volunteers to pick up returnable bottles and cans that are dropped off, redeem them, and return the proceeds to the rectory. At the present time, we have an excess of items that need to be redeemed. If you can help, please stop by the rectory during business hours, or call for more information. Thanks to anyone that is able to help!

Recycling profits benefit the Youth In Action service ministry. Thank you to everyone who help to make our recycling program a success!



At the 10 AM Mass on Sundays, your children are invited to come to a fun session of Word4Kidz while you listen to the Readings, Gospel and Homily. Word4Kidz is offered for Pre-School on up. Come forward when called and we will process to the Parish Center. Parents and Grandparents are welcome to accompany hesitant little ones, too! After the Prayers of the Faithful we will bring you back to the church for you to meet your parents for the remainder of Mass.

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



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, Capt. Jason Jordan, US Army, So. Korea, Nicole DeFazio, Deployed USS Normandy CG60

2023 Partners in Charity Campaign



So far, St. Patrick Parish has raised \$29,175 which is 58% of our goal of \$50,000.00. We need to still raise \$20,825.

There have been 98 contributions received as opposed to last year's 113 received at this point in time. Won't you please prayerfully consider helping us reach our 2023 goal? We need you help. There are so many important and much needed programs that are supported by this campaign and many people, including some of our own parishioners, benefit from this support.

There are many ways to contribute:

Parish Envelopes: Pass in your donation in the collection basket at Mass.

Direct Mail: Partners in Charity, 49 Elm St., Worcester, MA 01609;

Online: Partners-Charity.net

Text Your Donation: Text the word **donate** to **84576** to access the online giving page

Call in a Pledge or Gift: 508-929-4366

Visit Partners-Charity.net for a list of the charities, ministries and educational programs that rely on your generosity.

Matching Gifts: See if your company will match your gift.

Partners-Charity.net/matching-gifts



Charity

Catholic Charities
Pernet Family Health Service
Priests' Retirement
Retired Priests' Health Ministry
Diocesan Cemetery System
Utility Assistance Fund

Education

Advanced Studies for Clergy and Laity
Catholic Schools Office
Communications Ministry
Grant-in-Aid for Schools
Office of Religious Education
Ongoing Priestly Formation
Seminar Education
Diocesan Schools grants

Ministry

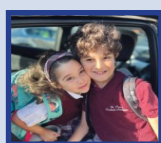
African Ministry
Catholic Campus Ministry
Hispanic Apostolate
Minister to Priests
Office for Divine Worship
Hispanic and Latino Ministry
Office of Marriage and Family
Office of the Diaconate
Respect Life Office
St. Paul Cathedral
Vocations Office and House of Studies
Youth and Young Adult Ministries

No funds from this appeal are used for abuse-related expenses.



"Thank you for being Christ's helping hands so that our agencies and ministries can sustain those who turn to us in their time of need."

— Bishop McManus



Leadership Circles

\$7,500 +
Holy Family Society

\$5,000 - \$7,499
St. Paul Society

\$2,500 - \$4,999
St. John Paul II

\$1,500 - \$2,499
St. John XXIII

\$1,000 - \$1,499
St. Francis of Assisi

\$500 - \$999
St. Teresa of Kolkata

\$300 - \$499
Dorothy Day,
Servant of God

Be the *face* of CHRIST *and his helping hands*



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

Job Opening:

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



**Coming Up! August 14-18, 2023 - 9am to 12pm
St. Patrick's VBS 2023, Preschool through 4th Grade**

Happy Vacation, Father Tomasz!

Father Tomasz will be away on vacation during the month of July and into August. While he is away the following priests will be covering for him:

Masses:

Sat. at 4:30 PM from July 8 through Aug. 5:

Msgr. John Doran

Sunday at 8 from July 9 through Aug. 6:

Msgr. John Doran

Sunday at 10 AM:

July 9: Fr. Roger Corriveau (from Assumption College)

July 16: Fr. Ted Brown (from LaSalette Shrine)

July 23: Fr. Flavio Gillio (from LaSalette Shrine)

July 30: Fr. Ted Brown (from LaSalette Shrine)

August 6: Fr. Dennis Gallagher (from Assumption College)

Sunday at 5 PM from July 9 through Aug. 6:

Fr. Juan Escudero

Tues & Wed we will have Communion Services at 8:30 AM

Wednesdays at 4:30 PM July 9 through Aug. 9:

Fr. Juan Escudero

Wednesday, Aug. 2 at 4:30 PM:

Fr. Juan Herrera

A Sunday Smile For You...

