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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 13, 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.**

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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](http://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 Aug. 12 - 13

Sat. 4:30 PM + Henry and Ida Barnett  
By their Friends

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

10:00 AM + William Lavallee  
By his Family

5:00 PM + People of St. Patrick Parish

#### Week of Aug. 14 - 18

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

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

**6:30 PM + The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: + Louis Volpe (Anniv.) by his Family**

Wed. 4:30 PM + Holy Souls in Purgatory  
By Helpers of Holy Souls

Thurs. & Fri. No Mass

#### Weekend of Aug. 19 - 20

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

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

10:00 AM + Antonio Bechard  
By his Family

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 :**

In the next several weeks, our Gospel readings will reveal the apostle Peter experiencing a wide range of emotions. We might say that it's a bit of an emotional and spiritual roller coaster for the first of Jesus' chosen disciples. In this week's Gospel from Matthew 14, the disciples have their hands full on a boat being tossed about on the waves far off shore. As if the fear of drowning isn't frightening enough, they think they see a ghost! But, it is no ghost, it is Jesus himself, walking towards them on the water. Jesus tells Peter to walk to him on the water, and Peter does it, but becomes afraid and begins to sink until Jesus pulls him back up.



In Matthew 16, our Gospel in a few weeks, Jesus tells Peter that he is the rock upon whom Jesus will build his church. The week after that, Jesus reveals to the disciples the kind of death he is to experience. Peter cannot hide his disappointment and fear, and speaks out against Jesus revelation, and in response, Jesus tells him 'Get behind me Satan.' (Matthew 16:23)

In Matthew 17, Jesus is transfigured before Peter, James and John, and they experience Jesus as he truly is - as the Son of God.

That's a lot - for anyone. But, it's why I think Peter is so relatable. Our lives are a mix and mash up of good and not so good experiences. Most of the time, we hope that we can respond to life challenges with compassion and grace, but that's simply not always the case. However, as Peter shows us, it's not our mistakes that define us. We will stumble, and sometimes we just are not able to grasp what God wants us to do, or even where he can be found while we're in the midst of it all. But, if we can keep trying to see Jesus in front of us, and if we can continue to open our hearts to the ways of the Son of God, we will find that we are not sinking. There will be waves - notice that the storm didn't disappear just because of Jesus' presence. It is our faith in God, and our continued efforts to believe and follow the ways of Jesus with acts of compassion, kindness and love - these are the things that will get us through.

Let's keep our eyes on Christ. He tells us how to live.  
When we learn how to sit with Jesus in our boat - right there in the middle - we will steady the storm.

Peace,  
Chris



BACK TO  
SCHOOL  
SUPPLY  
DRIVE



## N.A.C. Backpack & School Supplies Drive – Can you help?



As Northbridge students ready for the upcoming school year we are asking for your help again this year. Like years prior, it will be a challenge for some families to provide their children with the necessary school supplies to enjoy a successful school experience. But we are sure people in our community will want to help. St. Patrick's, along with the other churches in town, is on a mission to help local junior and senior high school students in need of school supplies. Each year NAC member churches donate the filled backpacks to the Department of Children & Families in Whitinsville.

**Deadline for donating is August 13th.** Our goal is to fill at least 10 backpacks. Any and all donations of backpacks, notebooks, binders, pens, pencils, paper, etc. will be greatly appreciated. You may leave your donations in the box at the entrances to St. Patrick Church.

### SCHOOL SUPPLIES LIST IDEAS

Backpack	Glue Sticks	Pocket Folders (6)
Hand Wipes	Package lined paper	Elmer's White Glue
Colored Pencils	Pencil box	Notebooks (4)
Pens red & blue	Hand Sanitizer	Crayons
Box of Tissues	Package plain paper	Pencil Sharpener
3 Ring Binder	Pink Eraser	Ruler
Pencils	Washable Markers	Highlighters
	Water Paint Set	Scissors

### Upcoming Second Collections:

Aug. 13: Eastern and Central Europe

Aug. 15: Assumption

### Upcoming Wedding:

Aug. 26, 2:00 PM: Laura Berger and Ed Kesell

### 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
2-Jul	\$ 8,700.00	\$ 9,763.00	\$ 1,063.00	\$ (5,979.00)
9-Jul	\$ 8,700.00	\$ 8,123.00	\$ (577.00)	\$ (6,556.00)
16-Jul	\$ 8,700.00	\$ 6,346.00	\$ (2,354.00)	\$ (8,910.00)
23-Jul	\$ 8,700.00	\$ 7,253.00	\$ (1,447.00)	\$ (10,357.00)
30-Jul	\$ 8,700.00	\$ 6,594.00	\$ (2,106.00)	\$ (12,463.00)
6-Aug	\$ 8,700.00	\$ 10,411.00	\$ 1,711.00	\$ (10,752.00)



### 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!

Summer vacation gives us the opportunity to ready and to improve our facilities in anticipation of another year. As the first day draws closer, we are nearly finished with a deep clean of the buildings and a polishing of the floors, and teachers have begun to arrange their classrooms. We have fixed windows and lights, removed defunct water fountains and begun to improve the landscaping. Our Parents Guild has generously supported the installation of a new basketball hoop and an improvement of the playground surfacing. We have also completed our annual inspection of all fire safety equipment.

We have added seventy Chromebooks to our inventory along with several Smart TV's, using grant monies provided to the school. This procurement, along with the high speed fiber connectivity installed as we constructed The GRACE Center, keeps OLV on the leading edge of educational technologies. Concurrently, and perhaps paradoxically, we are exploring ways to inspire teachers and students to limit their use of devices during the school day. Having recognized an overdependence on technology in social situations and during down times, we have set a goal to direct and empower students to interact with one another socially, to read a book or creatively write or to engage in prayerful reflection rather than immediately go their device during any break in instruction. We hope that this approach will help each student become the person God is calling them to be.

Thank you and God bless you and yours,  
Ed Reynolds, Principal



### **Tues., Aug. 15th - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** **Mass is at 6:30 PM**

**The Assumption of Mary is one of the four Marian dogmas of the Catholic Church. Pope Pius XII defined it on 1 November 1950 in his apostolic constitution *Munificentissimus Deus* as follows:**

**We proclaim and define it to be a dogma revealed by God that the immaculate Mother of God, Mary ever virgin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven.[2]**

**The declaration was built upon the 1854 dogma of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, which declared that Mary was conceived free from original sin, and both have their foundation in the concept of Mary as the Mother of God.[3] It leaves open the question of whether Mary died or whether she was raised to eternal life without bodily death.[2]**

**The equivalent belief (but not held as dogma) in the Eastern Orthodox Church is the Dormition of the Mother of God or the "Falling Asleep of the Mother of God".**

**The word 'assumption' derives from the Latin word *assumptiō* meaning "taking up".**

***Job Opening:***

**Cemetery Superintendent and  
Facilities and Grounds Manager  
( Approximately 32 Hrs. / Wk. )**

**Contact Father Tomasz for  
more information.**



***Come join our St. Patrick Parish Family and  
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and your loved ones! All are welcome!***



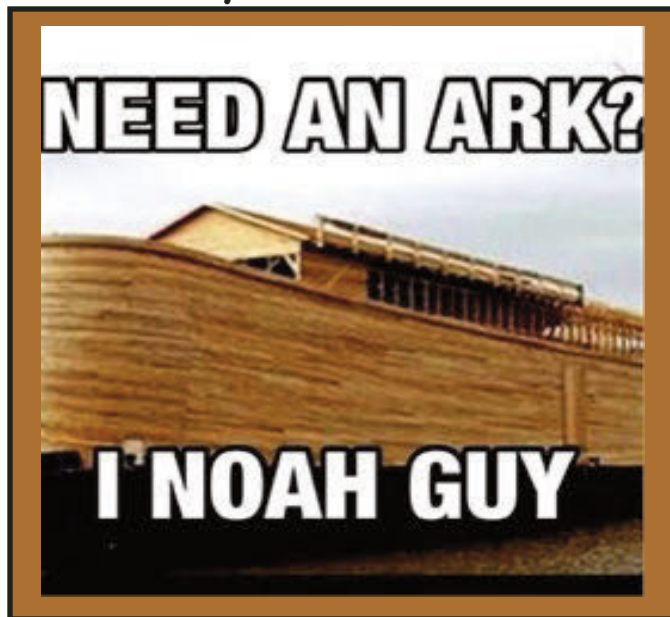
**Let Us Pray for Those in the Service**

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

**A Sunday Smile For You...**



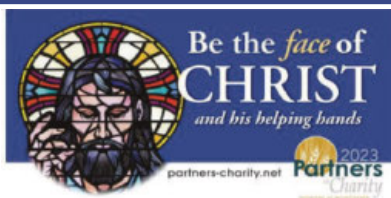
**At the 10 AM Mass on  
Sundays, your children are  
invited** to come to a fun session  
of Word4Kidz while you listen to  
the Readings, Gospel and Homily. Word4Kidz is  
offered for Pre-School on up. Come forward  
when called and we will process to the Parish  
Center. Parents and Grandparents are  
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.



## 2023 Partners in Charity Campaign



**So far, St. Patrick Parish**

**has raised \$32,177 which is 64% of our goal of \$50,000.00. We need to still raise \$17,823.**

**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

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Utility Assistance Fund

### Education

Advanced Studies for Clergy and Laity  
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### Ministry

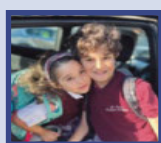
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Office of the Diaconate  
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St. Paul Cathedral  
Vocations Office and House of Studies  
Youth and Young Adult Ministries

**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 +**  
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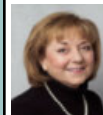


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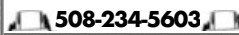
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