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Vacation Bible School, "Rainforest Explorers, Jesus Leads the Way" - held Aug. 14-18th



Children from Preschool through the 4th grade enjoyed a week's worth of fun as rainforest explorers who found new and creative ways to follow Jesus!



Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 27, 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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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. 26 - 27

Sat. 4:30 PM + Mary Curran St. Denis (25th Anniv.)
By her Family
Sun. 8:00 AM + People of St. Patrick Parish
10:00 AM + Dottie Vassar
By Pat Vassar
5:00 PM + People of St. Patrick Parish

Week of Aug. 28 - Sept. 1

Mon. 8:30 AM + Mary D. Relle (Birthday Remembrance)
By the Arrigan Family
Tues. 8:30 AM + Victor Lessard (11th Anniv.)
By his Wife and Sons
Wed. 4:30 PM + People of St. Patrick Parish
Thurs. & Fri. No Mass

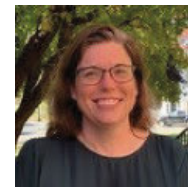
Weekend of Sept. 2 - 3

Sat. 4:30 PM + People of St. Patrick Parish
Sun. 8:00 AM + People of St. Patrick Parish
10:00 AM + Joanne Aveboboni
By Nancy and Lou Pepin
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 :

Recently I was reading a daily reflection and it said, "Walk with me (God), and we can change the world." I read it somewhere in the midst of summer programming and it stuck with me. This is what happened this summer with so many kids and volunteers.



This summer we had 84 kids/teens participate in YIA to Cincinnati, YIA Jr and Rainforest VBS. Then there was Danielle Chrabaszcz and Delaney Sanford, two of our high school students, who participated in all three weeks. Danielle and Delaney were a part of the YIA high school group that traveled to Cincinnati then volunteered to help at both YIA Jr and VBS. They now have a complete wardrobe of St. Patrick's T-shirts, but even more, they are the best of examples of our community sharing the love and message of Jesus. As well as these two amazing women, we had 8 adults drive and chaperone throughout YIA Jr, and 23 volunteers (middle school, high school and adults) for our Vacation Bible School. Shelly and I cannot express how much each and every one of these people are vital to the smooth running of these programs. They are the living Church!

I have already written about what amazing things happened in Cincinnati, so if I may share a little about the last two weeks. YIA Jr with our middle schoolers was a week of morning service, afternoon prayer and fun. Throughout the week we were at The Shrine of St. Therese in Burrillville, RI, working with Blackstone Valley Health and Rehab, Community Harvest Garden and here in our own parish community. As we finished our work at St. Therese Shrine, I spoke with Jackie, chief garden and grounds volunteer. This month the Shrine is celebrating their 100th Anniversary. They no longer have a groundskeeper, so the work falls to volunteers. This is an older community with not many teens. Over and over, we were thanked for all the work these kids did. Jackie spoke of problems simply cleaning benches, statues and spreading mulch. Every one of the Shrine volunteers asked repeatedly that we come back next year. It was something to talk to the kids about when they wondered why they spent time in the rain scrubbing benches and Saint statues.

Throughout the week we rotated the work groups with the hope of forming more bonds and instead of individual groups we became a team. It was fantastic to see our middle schoolers branch out and while very leery in the beginning start to make friendships across the grade levels. Danielle and Delaney shared how powerful the Rosary was to them on their trip and then led us all in praying the Rosary.

As we were at Wallum Lake on of our kids asked Shelly and I what exactly our job was. After describing some of what we do she stated, "That sounds boring!" Shelly and I just laughed. How can it possible be boring to work with so many amazing people both inside and out of our faith community. During the week there were also some seriously bad attempts of flirting in our older middle schoolers. After I was called again during lunch for "Aileen, he broke my pop tart" or "Aileen, she won't leave me alone." One of our kids going into 7th grade with a deadpan expression said, "Aileen, I don't think you are paid enough for this job." It was so hard not to burst out laughing and simply thank him and tell him I will mention it to the boss. He did then ask if I was referring to God or Father Tomasz!

YIA Jr came to an end Friday with decorating the Parish Hall for the Rainforest VBS to start on Monday. They really got into it, used way too much tape, but set up the classrooms, Parish center and even the bathrooms. This led us to Monday when our littles joined us. Besides Danielle and Delaney, we had many of our middle school YIA Jr come back to be group leaders. They were assigned to our various groups, the Sloths (preschool to kindergarten), jaguars, toucans or macaws. They led their groups from station to station, passed out snack, helped with art projects, science experiments, bathroom runs and so much more. They sang and danced and showed our youngsters what it is like to sing out and praise Jesus. They led with their hearts. The week was one of learning all the ways "Jesus leads the way".

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They caught on quickly this was a daily part of the program. The program was wonderful and everything from crafts, Bible stories, science experiments, games and even snack all tied to the theme of listening to Jesus and letting him lead us. Who knew it was possible to make an edible bandaid! (Hint, vanilla wafers, icing and heart candy.)

Our planning team started in January. Shelly and I had not run a VBS program since before the pandemic. We all had to find our way through. But this team is amazing. They each took a station and took charge of it. Leah Hagen ran Bible Challenge also known as the science room where things disappeared and raisins danced. Bonnie Shearer was in charge of Bible Application, took on photography with the best pictures and was best friend to 3 year old Tommy, Ilka Kostka and Marylin Arrigan worked together with all of the crafts from making them in advance to running the section despite the heat of their room, Rebecca Freniere ran the games and was completely able to adapt to four out of five days raining. Joanna Howard mastered the "best snacks ever" while juggling a ten-month-old who was not happy snack time interfered with nap time. Rick Boisvert stepped up and fell naturally into place as a group leader and was reminded frequently by his group he needs to come back next year. They even worried when there wasn't a chair for him and how to make him comfortable. Then there are the behind-the-scenes players. Paul Freniere showed up for all the planning meetings to fill in for Rebecca who was working. John Arrigan was convinced by his wife of 50 years to help make bases for our palm trees. Mike, Heather, Sam, and Maddie Arrigan showed up to help put up and take down the amazing decorations their mom/grandma made. When I asked Maddie if she knew how amazing her grandma was, she looked at me and simply said, "Yeah, I do."

And then there were the littles themselves. They put their hearts into the program. We had a few crashes that resulted in tears but then friends gathered around to comfort the hurt one. There were friends who made sure their group member went to the right station. They laughed at the videos, memorized the phrase of the day and even practiced their dances at home to be ready to show mom and dad. They consistently tried to figure out what snack was and how it tied to the story of the day.

At 11:30am on Friday, the last day, the center was filled with moms and dad, grandmas and grandpas, siblings and friends. Some of our kids danced and sang their hearts out, some smiled and waved to their loved ones, the "crowd" jumped up to take pictures and one little ran off to be with mom. After the video of the week, when we ended and closed, families stayed to help us undecorate the Parish Center. Forty minutes later all decorations were down, and our teens complained the room looked so plain and so white.



So friends, despite sweating more than I am happy with, wiping tears, organizing bathroom runs, counting heads in the lake and angering a few with the rule you can only go out till your collar bone is at water level, gathering ice for bee stings and crashes, handing our Band-Aids when I can't quite see where the major injury is and everything else, these weeks exhaust me physically but also feed me spiritually.

And now summer is done. Faith Formation is quickly approaching in fact, please pray for us as this Saturday is the Confirmation retreat.

If you ever wish to help behind the scenes or during them, please talk to Shelly and I. We will adapt to your schedule as much as possible. It is such a joy to see friendships and community shared between both kids, teens and adults. Sometimes it is the only way we meet each other. So, enjoy the end of summer and soon welcome to fall. In the meantime, Shelly and I will be sleeping and planning!

- Aileen

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Faith Formation Coming Up Soon!

If you haven't registered your children yet please go to our website to register.

Some Upcoming Important Dates:

Confirmation Mandatory Retreat: Saturday, Aug. 26, 9 AM - 7 PM

5th through 8th Grade Parent Meeting: Sunday, Aug. 27, 6:15 PM in the Parish Center

Backpack Blessing and Ice Cream Party: Sunday, Sept., 10th, 10 AM Mass

9th and 10th Parent-Student Class: Sunday, Sept. 10, 5 PM Mass and then 6:15 PM in the Parish Center

Preschool through 4th Grade Parent Meeting: Sunday, Sept. 17th, 11:15 Am in the Parish Center

Confirmation Commitment Mass followed by Parent-Student Class: Sunday, Sept. 24th starting at the 5 PM Mass

Please email Aileen or Shelly if you have any questions.



Coming Up in October... Mark Your Calendars!!!

Sunday, October 15th St. Patrick's 125th Anniversary Mass and Family Day of Celebration



Our celebration will begin with the 10:00 AM Mass celebrated by our Pastor, Fr. Tomasz, and Priests who have previously served here at St. Patrick's. This special Mass will be followed by a family celebration in our Parish Center.

Food and Fun Galore! Relive memories from our years together!

Renew friendships from the past! Special surprises!

More information to follow.

Upcoming Second Collections:

Aug. 27: Utilities Sept. 3: Audio-Visual Ministry Sept. 10: Utilities Sept. 17: St. Patrick's Religious Ed.

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	Budgeted	Received	Difference	Difference
23-Jul	\$ 8,700.00	\$ 7,214.00	\$ (1,486.00)	\$ (12,190.00)
30-Jul	\$ 8,700.00	\$ 6,555.00	\$ (2,145.00)	\$ (14,335.00)
6-Aug	\$ 8,700.00	\$ 10,372.00	\$ 1,672.00	\$ (12,663.00)
13-Aug	\$ 8,700.00	\$ 7,122.00	\$ (1,578.00)	\$ (14,241.00)
20-Aug	\$ 8,700.00	\$ 7,011.00	\$ (1,689.00)	\$ (15,930.00)

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Here are more pictures from our Vacation Bible School...what a fun week!



Come join our St. Patrick 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 Hrs. / Wk.)
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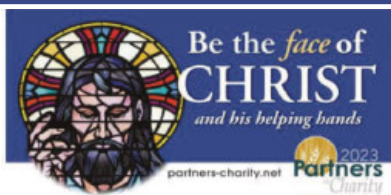
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Almighty God, we stand before you asking for your divine mercy and protection. Embrace with your invincible armor our loved ones in all branches of the service. Give them courage and strength against all enemies both spiritual and physical and hasten 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 \$33,437 which is 67% of our goal of \$50,000.00. We need to still raise \$16,563.

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;

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

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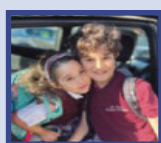
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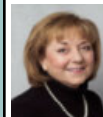


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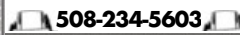
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