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## ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

LOVE GOD. LOVE ONE ANOTHER. GROW DISCIPLES.



**St. Patrick's Confirmation Class went on an all day retreat at Treasure Valley Scout Camp this past Saturday, August 27th.**

**It was a great day to get away and focus on their relationship with God.**

**Please pray for them as they continue their faith journey  
toward their Sacrament of Confirmation.**

**Twenty- Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 3, 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.mystpatrickss.com](http://www.mystpatrickss.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 Sept. 2 - 3

Sat. 4:30 PM + Ron Safer (24th Anniv.)  
By his Friends

Sun. 8:00 AM + People of St. Patrick Parish  
10:00 AM + Joanne Iacaveboboni  
By Nancy and Lou Pepin

5:00 PM + People of St. Patrick Parish

#### Week of Sept. 4 - 8

Mon. 8:30 AM + Jeannette and Gerald Richer  
By their Family

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

Wed. 4:30 PM + Ana Afonso (Birthday Remembrance)  
By her Family

Thurs. & Fri. No Mass

#### Weekend of Sept. 9 - 10

Sat. 4:30 PM + Ed Quigley (10th Anniv.)  
By his Family

Sun. 8:00 AM + Scott Gammon (18th Anniv.)  
By his Family

10:00 AM + Frank Barletta  
By Nancy and Lou Pepin

5:00 PM + People of St. Patrick Parish

The Mass book is open for the months October-December. 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

**Reflections :**

In our Gospel today from Matthew, Peter continues on his emotional roller coaster. Last week, Jesus calls Peter the 'rock upon whom I'll build my church.' (Matthew 16:18) This week, it's 'Get behind me, Satan.' (Matthew 16:23) Those are strong words for sure, and I can imagine that Peter might have felt hurt by them. To me, the strong words Jesus had for Peter must have been because Jesus felt that Peter lacked understanding on a fundamental part of Jesus' message and ministry. Perhaps, since Jesus had just entrusted Peter with being the foundation of his church, Jesus is a little disappointed or concerned that Peter would be missing such an essential part of his teaching.



We all have our crosses to bare. There is no way to remove suffering from the equation of our lives. Jesus wants us to try to see God's presence in our suffering, and wants us to know that while we need to walk on our own individual road, Jesus has cleared the path ahead and will walk with us the whole way.

And notice that while Peter may be emotional, he is not fragile. Jesus would not have built his future church on a shaky foundation. It's because of his very human qualities that Jesus sees in Peter a rock upon whom to build. Our messy human qualities, especially ones which we might think make us weakest, are key ingredients to a strong faith, and if we can try to recognize the love that God has for us, and see how that love is woven into the fabric of all our messy human-ness, we can be the church that Jesus built upon Peter.

- Chris

**Some Facebook Posts from Fr. Tomasz**

**Today my heart and prayers go out to everyone who is struggling silently with mental illness.**

**At St. Patrick's you are welcomed. We will never judge you for any reason. LOVE is our ATTITUDE. :)**

**"God loves everyone" is the rock on which I want to build my life. :)**

**Jesus was not only a teacher but also a student. He learned from a Canaanite mother that no one is excluded from God's love. :)**

**Simply care, embrace, and love. The Church that seeks to do otherwise is not what Jesus was all about. :)**





## 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 begin another school year at OLV, we are especially excited to introduce the OLV FAITH Initiative, an approach to the character development of our students centered on the attributes of Faith, Accountability, Integrity, Thoughtfulness and Honesty. An expectation that our students and staff will exemplify these qualities at all times and in all aspects of school life will enable us to continue to provide an outstanding and authentic Catholic school atmosphere.

We are equally excited and also very proud to share the fact that OLV will experience another increase in enrollment, the fourth year in a row. Several of our grade levels have waiting lists, and we continue to receive applications. Over the past four years, we have increased our student body by about twenty-five percent, a remarkable achievement. And while significant improvements in facilities, technology and programs have inspired interest from the greater community, it is our adherence to the FAITH that has powered our growth. More than ever, families come to OLV in search of a school experience centered on faith, academics and service that helps students become the person God is calling them to be.

Thank you and God bless you and yours,

Ed Reynolds, Principal

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

### Prayer for Children Going Back to School:

Dear God, we pray for all the children who are returning to school. We ask that you bless them with your love and protection. Please guide them as they learn and grow, and help them to make new friends. We pray that you would give them the strength and courage to face any challenges that come their way.



Please watch over them and keep them safe from harm. We also pray for their teachers, caregivers, bus drivers and other leaders at their school, that you would give them wisdom and patience as they guide their students. May this school year be filled with joy, learning, and growth. Amen.



**Celebrate!**

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

**Sunday, October 15th**

**St. Patrick's 125th Anniversary Mass  
and Family Day of Celebration**



**Our 125th celebration will begin with a special Mass at 10:00 AM  
followed by festivities for the whole family 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.**

**Faith Formation Coming Up Soon!**

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

***Some Upcoming Important Dates:***

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

**9th & 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.**

**Upcoming Second Collections:**

**Sept. 3: Audio-Visual Ministry**

**Sept. 10: Utilities**

**Sept. 17: St. Patrick's Religious Ed.**

**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.



			<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Year to date</b>
	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Received</b>	<b>Difference</b>	<b>Difference</b>
23-Jul	\$ 8,700.00	\$ 7,143.00	\$ (1,557.00)	\$ (15,527.00)
30-Jul	\$ 8,700.00	\$ 6,484.00	\$ (2,216.00)	\$ (17,743.00)
6-Aug	\$ 8,700.00	\$ 10,301.00	\$ 1,601.00	\$ (16,142.00)
13-Aug	\$ 8,700.00	\$ 7,051.00	\$ (1,649.00)	\$ (17,791.00)
20-Aug	\$ 8,700.00	\$ 6,940.00	\$ (1,760.00)	\$ (19,551.00)
27-Aug	\$ 8,700.00	\$ 10,164.00	\$ 1,464.00	\$ (18,087.00)





### 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



Confirmation Retreat 2023

### ***Job Opening:***

**Cemetery Superintendent and  
Facilities and Grounds Manager**

**( Approximately 32 Hrs. / Wk. )**

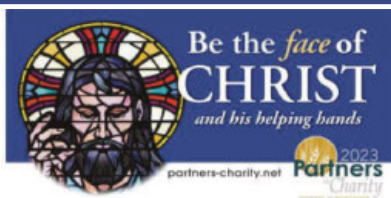
**Contact Father Tomasz for  
more information.**

*A bit of wisdom to think about ...*



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

## 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;

**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

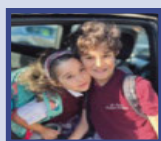
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Minister to Priests  
Office for Divine Worship  
Hispanic and Latino Ministry  
Office of Marriage and Family  
Office of the Diaconate  
Respect Life Office  
St. Paul Cathedral  
Vocations Office and House of Studies  
Youth and Young Adult Ministries

**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 +**  
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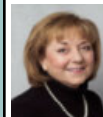


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