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Twenty– Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 24, 2023

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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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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 Sept. 23 - 24

Sat. 4:30 PM + Dorothy Harris (9th Anniv.)
By her Family

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

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

5:00 PM + Eric Lemoine
By his Family

Week of Sept. 25 - 29

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

Tues. 8:30 AM + Eric Lemoine
By his Family

Wed. 4:30 PM + Edward Saksa
By his Family

Thurs. & Fri. No Mass

Weekend of Sept. 30 - Oct. - 1

Sat. 4:30 PM + Gloria Beaudoin
By Matthew and Johanna Reilly

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

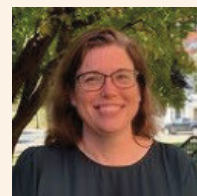
10:00 AM + Norman Violette (22nd Anniv.) and
Paul D'Alfonso (8th Anniv.)
By their Family

5:00 PM + David Reponen
By his Friends

The Mass book is open for the months Sept-Dec. 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 :

Over the summer I read a great book called “The Search” by Chris Stefanick. It’s a little over 100 pages and a great, easy read. It talks about each one of us being on this journey of life and finding out where we fit in this world. Stefanick states that we will all die at some point. He mentions walking through a cemetery and the tombstones have a birthdate, a dash, and a death date. But that little dash between the two is our life journey. That little dash represents everything, where we started, how we grew and changed, our life struggles and joys. That simple dash carries so much weight and can never share the impact that life had on the world, community and family they lived in.



Stefanick goes on to say that GenZ, those born in the middle of the 1990s to the middle of the second decade in the 21st century are the most anxious, most depressed, most despairing generation in history. Studies show, he states on page 10, they have lost their sense of purpose and meaning of life. They may also be the most irreligious generation in history. This statement hit me hard. Not only are two of my three children GenZ, most of our St. Patrick’s kids and teens are this generation.

It is our job as a faith community to share the message of God’s unconditional love with our young families and our children. Shelly and I were recently talking about how busy life is for our families. From the outside they look great. But it’s like those ducks on a pond. They look like they are simply gliding around but underneath their legs and working like crazy.

In Faith Formation we see our kids only a few hours over the course of the year. But as you know, faith is a lifestyle. Faith is for every day and every aspect of our lives. Recently, I spoke to two young mothers about why they come to St. Patrick’s. They both said they moved their family here because the parish is so welcoming. At the ice cream party, a grandmother said what a kid friendly church this is. These are some of our strengths, but we need to work as a staff and as a community to welcome our families, our teens and our children.

If you know of families that have fallen away from the Church for any reason, please invite them back. If they have children who are out of synch for their sacraments, we will find a plan that works. Each and every one of us has been made in the image and likeness of God. Our wish as a parish community is to spread this message to all we come across. Whether you are a new parishioner, one who has fallen away and is coming back or a lifelong parishioner, we would love to hear from you on how we can best serve you. If you are interested in getting involved in Faith Formation or any of our ministries, please talk to anyone of the staff members. We can give you some suggestions and guide you to what might be a good fit for you. Together we are the parish of St. Patrick’s Whitinsville, MA and it takes each one of us to make our community the best it can be.

- Aileen



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!

This morning we kicked off the start of the school year with a Mass celebrated at St. Mary Parish by Father Nick. At the Mass, Father Nick called upon the students and staff at OLV to honor the school's mission by becoming the person God is calling them to be, transforming the world and making it a better place. Father Nick calls upon us all to become saints and disciples, and we are blessed that our Catholic faith is at the center of everything that we do as a school community.

We are especially blessed to be able to conduct regular faith-based activities as a regular part of our school experience, and Masses are a significant part of this. Our school wide Masses are conducted monthly, and, additionally, we celebrate weekly, grade specific Masses. Almost every month, OLV sponsors a Sunday Mass at St. Mary Parish, and each month we engage in Eucharistic Adoration. On First Fridays, we finish our school week with the Praying of the Rosary. Our students are consistently availed opportunities to exercise their faith. For this, we give great thanks!

Thank you and God bless you and yours,

Ed Reynolds, Principal

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

Upcoming Second Collections:

Sept. 24: Annual Catholic School Collection

Oct. 1: Heating

Oct. 8: Audio-Visual Ministry

To Give a Contribution:

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OR: For **PAYPAL** search @StPatricksParish.

Also, please consider St. Patrick Parish for a Charitable Bequest as part of your estate planning.



Week	Weekly Envelopes & Cash	Weekly Online	Weekly Total	Goal
9/3/2023	\$4,222.00	\$6,970.85*	\$11,192.85*	\$8,700
9/10/2023	\$4,920.00	\$2,510.50*	\$7,430.50*	\$8,700
9/17/2023	\$ 3,343.00	\$ 3,306.50	\$ 6,649.50	\$8,700
* Correction				



**COMING UP IN OCTOBER -
MARK YOUR CALANDARS!**

**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.



St. Patrick's Church Autumn Recycling Event

Saturday, October 21, 2023 8 AM—1 PM

7 East St., Whitinsville MA 508-234-5656



Please keep items for each station separate!

Books - Donate all types of gently used books.
No encyclopedias!

Media - Donate cassette tapes; CD's; DVD's; video games; vinyl records; etc.

Clothing & Textiles - Donate gently used textiles and linens to be resold. (No stains) The following items are acceptable: belts; shoes; gloves; clothing; purses; jewelry; backpacks; tote bags; sheets; blankets/bed linens; towels; curtains; table linens; throw pillows; fabric by the yard/quilting squares (no scraps); yarn; other soft goods, etc. Suitcases that can fit into a trash bag are also acceptable. **NO RUGS/NO RAGS/NO MATTRESSES/NO HOUSEWARES/NO TOYS**

Bottles/Cans - must be rinsed and returnable in Massachusetts. Place bottles and cans in plastic bag. **Unfortunately, we can no longer accept glass bottles of any kind.**

Electronics for a Fee - please email officesupport@mystpatrick.com for a price list. **NO BATTERIES, LIGHTBULBS OR PROPANE TANKS. EQUIPMENT MUST BE BONE DRY.**

Paper Shredding - Vendor will be onsite for document shredding from 9 AM to 11 AM only! \$8.00 per copy size box. Envelopes, manila folders and staples are all acceptable. **NO X-RAYS, BINDERS; BINDER CLIPS; HANGING FOLDERS; MAGAZINES; NOTEBOOKS; PLASTIC**



If you cannot make it on event day, please call the office to donate. All proceeds benefit YIA service projects.



9th & 10th Grade Retreat

St. Patrick's teens recently had a day filled with fun, figuring out where God was in each of their daily lives, more fun, getting their rosaries (and themselves) totally blessed with holy water, praying the rosary, and more fun! It was a memorable day for everyone!



CAN YOU HELP?

Needed...

More Safe Food Servers. We will train you if you're interested in helping out.

More John 21 Volunteers to help serve breakfast every 8 weeks. If interested, please contact the office.



Come join our St. Patrick Family and experience what an awesome parish this is for you 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

Save the Date!



Saint Patrick's

125th Anniversary Mass

Please join us on

Sunday, the 15th of October 2023

at

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

Whitinsville, Massachusetts 01588

Celebration Mass to be held at 10:00 AM

Reception to immediately follow

in

The Parish Center

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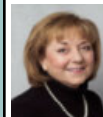


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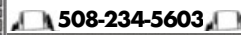
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