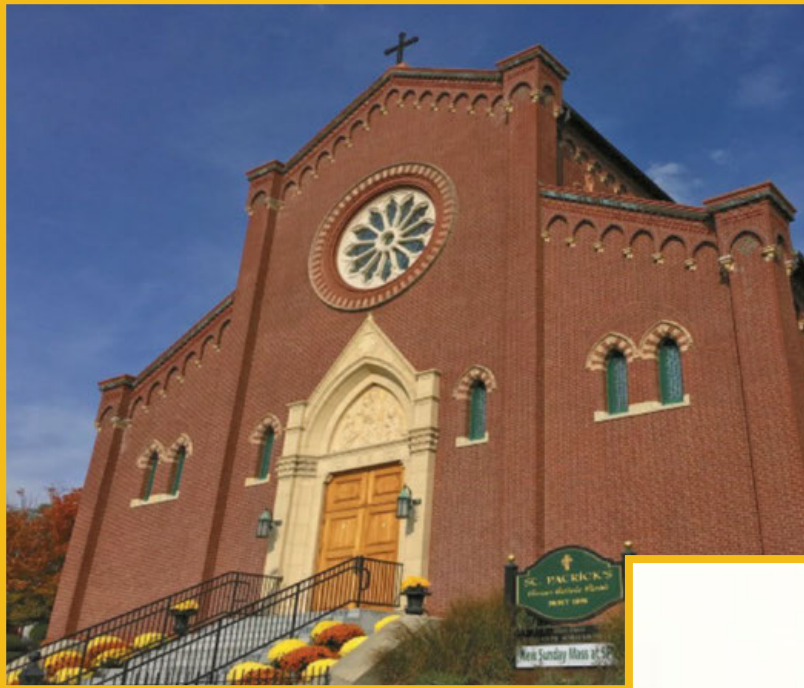




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continued success as a  
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Twenty- Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 15, 2023

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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.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 Oct 14 - 15

Sat. 4:30 PM + William Murphy  
By his Family

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

#### **10:00 AM 125TH ANNIVERSARY MASS**

**+ People of St. Patrick Parish**

5:00 PM + People of St. Patrick Parish

#### Week of Oct 16 - 20

Mon. 8:30 AM + Remi Roy (52nd Anniv)  
By his Family

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

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

Thurs. & Fri. No Mass

#### Weekend of Oct 21 - 22

Sat. 4:30 PM + Susan George  
By Lu Quigley

Sun. 8:00 AM + Jody and John Sheridan  
By their Family

10:00 AM + Domingo Alves  
By his Family

5:00 PM + People of St. Patrick Parish

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 :*

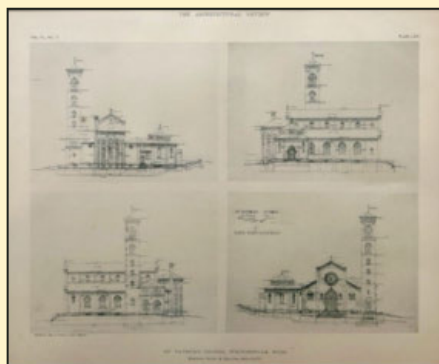
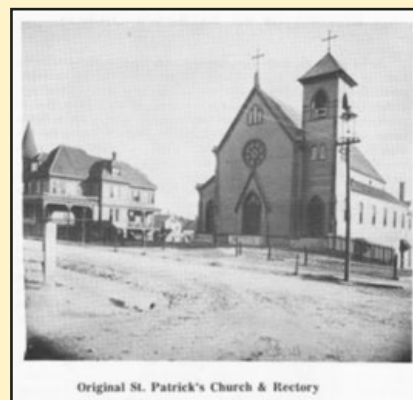
## Celebrating the 125th Anniversary of the Building of St. Patrick's Church



America grew tremendously during the 19th century taking on much of the diverse nature we see today. Catholics from Germany and Ireland settled in the United States following famine and political turmoil at home. Their arrival dramatically altered the social and religious nature of the young republic. Boston, which for years had been a bastion of Puritanism, now took on a very Catholic feel. Nativism welcomed these new Americans, but as the years passed their labor and sacrifice earned them a place in this land.

The first Saint Patrick's community began in Whitinsville in the 1850s as a simple mission. The Blackstone River by that time drew the attention of investors hoping to harness the power of the water to run their mills. As the mills grew so did the demand for cheap labor. Irish and French-Canadian immigrants flocked to Whitinsville in the hopes of securing a prosperous future for themselves and their families. It was during this period of change in Massachusetts that the Church grew and in 1852 Father O'Reilly began to say Mass once a month at Rockdale.

At the close of the great conflagration known as the American Civil War, the Catholic population of Whitinsville grew dramatically. Many people in the community called for the building of a new place of worship to serve the needs of the town. So in 1868, a parcel of land was purchased at the corner of Church and Cross Street. It was here that the Old St. Patrick's Church was built and by 1870 helped to elevate the community to that of a full blown parish nearly twenty years later. Though French-Canadian immigrants made up the majority of people who celebrated there, the Church took on St. Patrick as its patron.



The Catholic population thrived in Whitinsville and grew so quickly that it became apparent that the old church would not suffice. So in 1889, plans were made to erect a new building - the one we know today and celebrate. In the Autumn of 1898, the cornerstone of the new St. Patrick's Church was laid with much fanfare and celebration. Father O'Reilly selected the North Italian Gothic style for the new building.

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Complete with its pointed arches and buttress appearance, the new St. Patrick's Church was modeled on the Cathedral of San Zeno and Prato in Verona, Italy. Having read an article written by Charles MaGinnis lamenting the failure of American churches to embrace their Catholic architectural heritage, Father O'Reilly knew that there was only one man who he could trust with the design and construction of St. Patrick's. MaGinnis would go on to build many other beautiful buildings during his long career, but St. Patrick's was where he rose to fame.



The new design of the building called for the bell tower to move to the opposite end of the building. This, it was thought, would nicely balance the octagonal chapel used for weekday Mass and smaller religious celebrations. The bell itself, "Maggie", was the largest free swinging bell in the United States when it was hoisted into place. A gift to the people of Saint Patrick's by their Protestant brothers and sisters, it weighed over 5,100 pounds and was officially christened Mary Magdalene.

The interior of St. Patrick's incorporated the basilica design so common in the gothic style. Its stained glass windows were inspired by the twelfth century French Abbot Suger of St. Dennis. It was he who first argued that stained glass would welcome the light of Heaven into the hearts and minds of the faithful. The lives of the saints of Ireland were depicted with vibrant greens and beautiful golden hues. The center window, in the Chancel, depicted the crucifixion of Jesus and was offset by the windows of St. Peter and St. Bridget. The original design actually called for the St. Bridget window to feature St. Paul, but for reasons lost to history St. Bridget was chosen instead. The windows of the chapel depict major events in the life of St. Patrick.



One of the most attractive features of Saint Patrick's Church is found in its high-relief sculpted stations of the cross. Created by the renowned French sculptor, Teesow, they would go on to win first prize at the 1893 Chicago World Fair. The stations are one of two made by the celebrated sculptor, but an accident at sea sent its sister set of stations to the bottom of the Atlantic.

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When it was completed, St. Patrick's Church was regarded as one of the most beautiful edifices in Massachusetts, if not in the whole of the United States. Its architectural design and interior beauty was second to none in the minds of many. The faithful still come to Saint Patrick's Church to celebrate the central mystery of the faith - the Mass. With the grace of God and the love of the Saint Patrick's community, it will continue the mission of Christ in making disciples who live out the blessings of the Gospel.

- Deacon Chris



**Happy 125th Anniversary!**



### The Rose Window

Rose windows date back to Medieval Times and were revived and popularized in the French Gothic period. They are circular, highly decorative windows arranged in a symmetrical, radial pattern that resemble a flower or a rose. These grand and majestic windows are symbolic with religious significance, and they adorn cathedrals and churches all over the world.

High above the main entrance on Cross Street, sits our own beautiful rose window. At the very center is the Shield of the Trinity with Deus (God) as the center node, Pater (Father), Filius (Son), and Spiritus Sanctus (Holy Spirit), at the outer nodes. EST (is) links the outer nodes to the center node, and NON EST (is not) links all outer nodes to one another. It is a traditional symbol and the basis of our faith. That God is one in essence and three in person. There are twelve arms that radiate out from the Shield, which we believe to depict twelve different Saints. Today, we know little of the origin of this window. We can all agree on its beauty. Take another look at this magnificent stained-glass window the next time you're in church. Let it awaken feelings of inspiration, harmony, and unity.

To celebrate our 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we will be selling specially made Crystal Rose Window Ornaments on a pre-order basis. More info coming out soon.



**Coming Up This Month!**  
**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 MAT-TRESSES/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@mystpatrickss.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.



**Upcoming Second Collections:**

Oct. 15: Mission Sun-Prop of Faith

Oct. 22: Heating

Oct. 29: Utilities

**To Give a Contribution:**

**Text** the word **mystpatrickss** 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.



Week	Weekly Envelopes & Cash	Weekly Online	Weekly Total	Goal
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
9/24/2023	\$3,864.00	\$2,138.02	\$6,002.02	\$8,700
10/1/2023	\$5,231.00	\$8,120.85	\$13,351.85	\$8,700
10/8/2023	\$ 3,783.00	\$ 2,715.50	\$ 6,498.50	\$8,700





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## All Saint's Breakfast 2023

🍁 Oct 29<sup>th</sup> 8:00am – Noon 🍁

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French Toast

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Sausage

Coffee & More



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### 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

### The Blackstone Valley Emergency Shelter

The BVES is looking for donations of \$5.00 gift cards from McDonalds, Burger King, Dunkin, or Subway. These gift cards will be given to the homeless this winter.

The cards can be dropped off at the rectory.



### Our Christmas Pageant this year will be a little different!

It will be **"Just a Little Christmas"** joined with **"A Christmas to Believe In"**

This is open to all students in grades Preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> grade

Sign Up and Auditions will be Sunday October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11:15am in the Parish Center.

Rehearsals will be

**Preschool through 4<sup>th</sup> grade Sundays from 11:15am to 12pm**

**5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade Sundays from 3pm to 4pm**

Dress Rehearsal is Thursday December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. The Christmas Pageant will be on Friday December 15<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

Please email Aileen or Shelly with any questions.

[Aileen@mystpatrick.com](mailto:Aileen@mystpatrick.com) or

[Shelly@mystpatrick.com](mailto:Shelly@mystpatrick.com)



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



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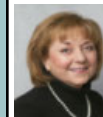


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