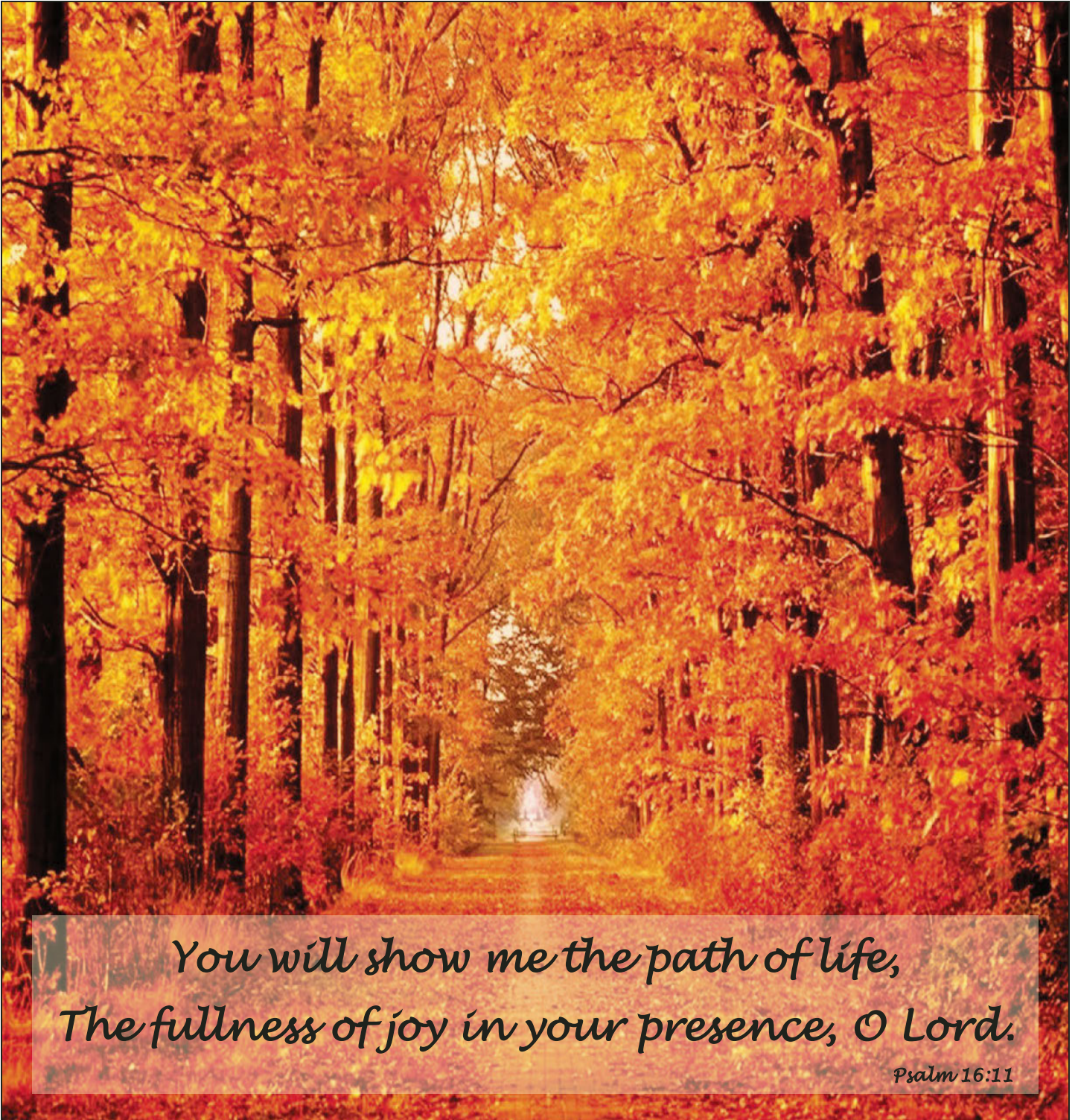




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*You will show me the path of life,
The fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.*

Psalm 16:11

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 05, 2023

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Confession: Sat. 3:30-4:00 PM

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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 Nov 4 - 5

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

Sun. 8:00 AM + Marthe Dowling (1st Anniv)
By Matthew and Judy Dowling

10:00 AM + Allan Pietrefesa
By Aileen and Shelly

5:00 PM + People of St. Patrick Parish

Week of Nov 6 - 10

Mon. 8:30 AM + Barbara Trifari
By her Daughter and Christine

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

Wed. 4:30 PM + Louis Venditti (Birthday Remembrance)
By his Family

Thurs. & Fri - No Mass

Weekend of Nov 11 - 12

Sat. 4:30 PM + Dan and Sandy Lessard (50th Anniv. of
Marriage Thanksgiving Mass)
By his Family

Sun. 8:00 AM + Philip Moran (25th Anniv.)
By his Family

10:00 AM + Harold Mathon
By Irene Mathon

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 :

Dear Friends,



Last Sunday the second meeting of the Synod on Synodality ended with a concluding Mass celebrated by Pope Francis. The word “synod” comes from Greek language: *syn* = with and *hodos* = road. So basically, the meaning of the word is “to walk/be on the road together or with one another.” That is what the church is meant to be – a community.

So, the month-long gathering of bishops, religious, lay man and women was called by Pope Francis to discuss what it means to be a community and to walk with one another in faith, hope, and love. The main task of the synod is *listening to one another* with an open heart. The Church that listens is the Church that grows. But listening to one another is only one side of the coin. The other one is to listen to the Holy Spirit.

The main three questions, that I think the Synod wants to answer - and there will be another final meeting next October – are:

1. Where are we right now as a Church; what are the challenges today?
2. Where is the Spirit calling us to be?
3. How are we going to get there; what needs to change?

These questions are immensely important and in order to be able to answer them all including the bishops, the priests and the laity need to listen with openness to one another and the Holy Spirit.

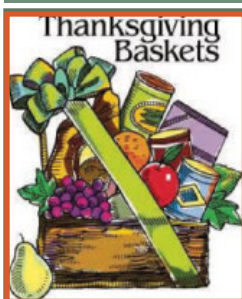
The key image the Pope used at the closing of the synod is “the Church with open doors.” This is what he said:

"This is the church we are called to 'dream': a church that is the servant of all, the servant of the least of our brothers and sisters; a church that never demands an attestation of 'good behavior,' but welcomes, serves, loves, forgives; a church with open doors that is a haven of mercy," he said.

"We may have plenty of good ideas on how to reform the church, but let's remember: to adore God and to love our brothers and sisters with his love, that is the great and perennial reform," (the pope said in his homily at Mass in St. Peter's Basilica Oct. 29.)

I believe that the image of the Church that dreams, listens, and opens the doors for everyone is a powerful and beautiful image. Indeed, that is what the Universal Church and every parish is called to be. Certainly, at St. Patrick's that is what we all strive for as we walk together in faith, hope and love. It so happens that the first name given to the followers of Christ is *hodos*—the way or the road.

God's peace,
Fr. Tomasz



Thanksgiving Food Baskets/Gift Cards – The Need Has Nearly Doubled

This Thanksgiving we will once again have tags to donate food baskets for local families.

THE NEED THIS YEAR IS GREATER THAN USUAL AND HAS NEARLY DOUBLED FROM THE NUMBER OF BASKETS REQUESTED LAST YEAR.

Tags will be available in the chapel and at the entrance of the church this weekend if you would like to participate. **PLEASE CONSIDER TAKING MORE THAN ONE TAG IF YOU ARE ABLE.** If you would like to **give electronically** to the Food Basket Program, please go to our website. www.mystpatrickss.com select Online Giving, then select Food Basket Program/Amount/Submit. If you have any questions, please call the rectory at 508-234-5656. All donations are appreciated!

Drop off for the baskets will be on **Saturday, November 18th between 10:00 AM and Noon.** **Baskets will be distributed to the families between 12:30 PM and 2:30 PM.**

Volunteers are needed to assist with baskets being dropped off, and with helping bring the baskets out to the cars of those receiving baskets. This effort is an ideal opportunity for students who are in need of volunteering hours. Please contact the rectory at 508-234-5656 if you are able to help out.

Thank you, as always, for your wonderful support!

Upcoming Second Collections:

Nov. 5: Audio Visual

Nov. 12: Utilities

Nov. 19: Campaign for Human Development

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
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
10/15/2023	\$3,846.00	\$2,981.50	\$6,827.50	\$8,700
10/22/2023	\$3,238.00	\$2,200.50	\$5,438.50	\$8,700
10/29/2023	\$4,302.80	\$2,025.50	\$6,328.30	\$8,700
Average Weekly To-Date FY 2024	\$4,083.31	\$3,663.30	\$7,746.61	\$8,700



A Candle Light Remembrance Service

will be held on Tuesday, November 14th,
at 7:00 PM. for the deceased members of St. Patrick's Parish.

A letter has been sent out with information about this service and we ask
that the names of your deceased loved ones be called in to the office by
Wednesday, November 8th. Thank you.

All are welcome!

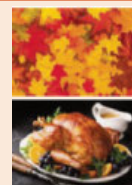


Knights of Columbus Food Drive

The Knights of Columbus Council 365 will be holding a Food Drive on Saturday,
Nov. 18th from 10am to 1pm at The Mumford Hall, 77 Prescott Rd., Whitinsville.

Please help us beat last year's totals for food accumulated. All food collected will go to local
food pantries.

Also, for the second year in a row, K of C will be donating turkeys to some needy families in the Black-
stone Valley through our partners at the Sutton Food Pantry, Douglas Food Pantry and NAC Food Pantry.



Suggested Food Items-

Thanksgiving Meal Items: Frozen Turkey (no larger than 14 lbs.), Stuffing Mix, Turkey Gravy (jars or gravy mix), Cran-
berry Sauce (canned), Potatoes (bag or instant mashed), Canned Vegetables (Corn, Green Beans, Yams, Peas), Cake
Mixes (brownies, cake, frosting), Pie Crust (ready-made or mix), Canned Pie Filling (pumpkin, fruit), Can of French fried
onions, Cornbread Mix, Brown Sugar

Staple Foods: Peanut Butter, Jam, Macaroni and Cheese, Rice, Canned Fruit, Box of Jello or Pudding Mix, Cans of
Soup, Drink Mix (lemonade, fruit punch, iced tea)

Personal Care Items: Toothbrushes, Hand Soap, Laundry Detergent, Hand Sanitizer, Adult Diapers (all sizes), Tooth-
paste, Dishwashing Liquid, Disposable Masks, Childrens Diapers (all sizes), Baby Wipes

Please Also Consider: Paper Products, Pet Food, Gift Cards for Groceries

To see what local food pantries are asking for go to our website kofc365.org.



We are in need of additional volunteers to help with our
John 21 Breakfast Program on Saturday mornings. Each
team serves every 8 weeks on a rotating basis.

If you can help please call the office at 508-234-5656.



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!

At OLV, while we consistently affirm that we are a faith based elementary school and middle school academy characterized by academic excellence and rigor, it's important to note that in keeping with our Catholic identity we are also an extremely joyful community, and we provide many opportunities for fun activities beyond the school day. For Halloween, we celebrate with the annual Trick or Trot 5K road race, a night-time Jack O'Lantern Stroll and our costume parade at the end of the school day on October 31st. These events are always very well organized and provide a great time for all. We are blessed to have so many volunteers and friends involved in planning for and participating in these events.

In that spirit, I am pleased to announce that the OLV Parents Guild will host their Holiday Fair at St. Mary's Parish, the OLV Main School Building and The G.R.A.C.E. Center on Saturday, November 18th. This another fun event and a great way to get to know and support our school. Please make plans to come by! Having completed our Cross Country season in fine fashion with a meet against St. Joseph's School, featuring great weather and a beautiful setting at Webster Lake, we are now preparing for winter sports. We will once again have girls and boys basketball teams for grades five through eight; additionally, we are offering a ski club for grades four through eight facilitated through the Town of Uxbridge. And our girls volleyball program continues to come together and practice with the hope that we can schedule some matches as the year progresses. Again, we are fortunate and blessed to have wonderful volunteers to coach teams and work at games.

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



Our Lady of the Valley Regional School Hosts Annual Holiday Fair

Our Lady of the Valley Regional School will host its annual Holiday Fair on Saturday, November 18th, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at 75 Mendon Street, Uxbridge. Our Lady of the Valley currently provides a strong foundational Catholic education for over 200 students across the Blackstone Valley from grades Pre-K to 8.

The Fair includes a wide range of local vendors, raffles, baked goods, a cookie walk, and a luncheon. Kids' activities include crafts, games, inflatables, balloon animals, a scavenger hunt, a hot cocoa bar, a kid's raffle, and pictures with Santa.

Come by to support some great kids and have a good time."



**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 8th grade.

Rehearsals will be

Preschool through 4th grade, Sundays from 11:15 am to 12 pm

5th through 8th grade, Sundays from 3 pm to 4pm

Dress Rehearsal is Thursday, December 14th at 6 pm.

The Christmas Pageant will be on Friday, December 15th at 6 pm.

Please email Aileen or Shelly with any questions.

Aileen@mystpatrick.com or Shelly@mystpatrick.com



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,
US Marine L.Cpl. Kevin James Sabin Lejeune, NC**



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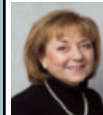


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