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ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

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Some Winter Scenes of St. Patrick Parish



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 14, 2024

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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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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 Jan. 13 & 14

Sat. 4:30 PM + Francis and Kate Sweeny
By their Family

Sun. 8:00 AM + Parishioners of St. Patrick's
10:00 AM + Margaret and John Halacy
By their Family

5:00 PM + Gary LaChance
By his Daughter, Laurie Castonguay

Week of Jan. 15 - 19

Mon. 8:30 AM NO MASS

Tues. 8:30 AM NO MASS

Wed. 4:30 PM + Parishioners of St. Patrick's
(Fr. Juan David)

Thurs. & Fri. No Mass

Weekend of Jan. 20 & 21

Sat. 4:30 PM + Helen Lucier
By her Family

Sun. 8:00 AM + Clare (8th) and Joseph (15th) Briand
By their Family

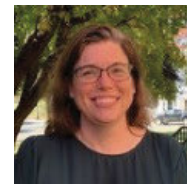
10:00 AM + Mary Lou Verla
By her Friends

5:00 PM + Roberta Trottier (5th Anniv.)
By her Family

The Mass book is open for the months Jan-March. 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,



Welcome to 2024! I've been spending time recently thinking of births and deaths. We are growing as a parish with a number of new babies this past year. They bring a smile to all of us and their complete innocence and reliance on their parents is a testimony to life. At some point we are expected to have it all together. I must confess, I have not reached that point. I am blessed to still have my mom as an active part of my life. I can still call my mom and talk to her about everything and anything. I can hug her, lean on her, gather support from her. And as a mom, I am expected to do the same for my own children.

December was a tough time for me. For the first time in two years, we put up a Christmas tree. Simply getting the tree up and lights on was a project that caused so many emotions in our house. It took days to open a bin, simply one bin of ornaments. That bin contained so many amazing memories. So many moments of us a growing family and adventures, or childhood crafts that have made up our family life. We were only able to put a few on the tree before closing the bin and putting it away.

December I truly missed my husband. I missed the day off we both had when we ran from one store to the other buying Christmas presents. These were not only "Santa" presents but also family ones. Eric was so good at knowing what he wanted to get for people. He was so good that after all of our buying he would come home with another load "he just happened to see" He loved the joy of Christmas. He loved watching not only our children but family also open presents.

On Christmas Eve, I was standing on the Altar where the lector reads from the Ambo. I was so touched by the incredible power of Silent Night filling the Church. Christmas morning at 10am Mass the song and candlelight were exactly the same. However, from my position at the Ambo I was looking across the Nativity scene to Station one of the Cross where Jesus is being condemned by Pontius Pilate. I struggled in that moment to be looking at this beautiful image of baby Jesus and then looking at the start of the end of his life,

After Mass I looked at the Stations from the other direction. Here I was looking across the Nativity. I was looking across Mary, Joseph, baby Jesus and looking at the Station where Mary is holding her son after being taken down off the Cross. I have never in all my time seen the Nativity and Stations of the Cross this way. It shook me. I took a picture of what I was seeing and later talked with Shelly about it.

But isn't this all that it is. We are brought into this life as this amazing being, totally reliant on those around you. You grow, develop and make a mark on this world. Everyone leaves their story. And then we go home to God. We must pray we have lived the mission God has intended for us in our time here. As we grow, we must remember to always keep God in the driver's seat. Life is hard. There are challenges we don't want to deal with. So many times, I have told God I am waving the white flag and enough, I need a break. And again, God is in the driver's seat. He has the ultimate plan for us. He is in charge. He has a mission for each one of us no matter how long or short our time here is.

Have you yet let God take over the steering wheel or are you still trying to tell God you know best!

- Aileen

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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.

Donations are always welcome.



NAC Food Pantry

The NAC Food Pantry is located in the lower level of the Northbridge Senior Center, 20 Highland St., Whitinsville, MA 01588 It is managed separately from the Senior center by volunteers through the Northbridge Association of Churches. Residents of Northbridge (Whitinsville, Northbridge, Rockdale) who are in need may visit the pantry once a month.

Hours of operation: Tuesdays 10am-12pm and Thursdays 1pm-3pm And the last Saturday of every month from 10am to 12pm.

Please consider donating to those who need our help. Here are some suggestions:

toilet paper, paper towels, laundry soap, dish soap, hand soap, Clorox / Lysol wipes, shampoo, toothpaste, tooth brushes, deodorant

Donated items can be placed in the boxes at the entrances of the church.

Thank you for your continuing support!

Upcoming Baptisms:

Jan. 14, 11:30 AM: Mia Jane DiTerlizzi

Jan. 21, 11:30 AM: Olivia Boothby Zapata and James Daniel Boothby

Upcoming Second Collections:

Jan. 14: Heating

Jan. 21: Utilities

Jan. 28: Catholic Home Missions

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.

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OR: For **VENMO** accounts, search business for:

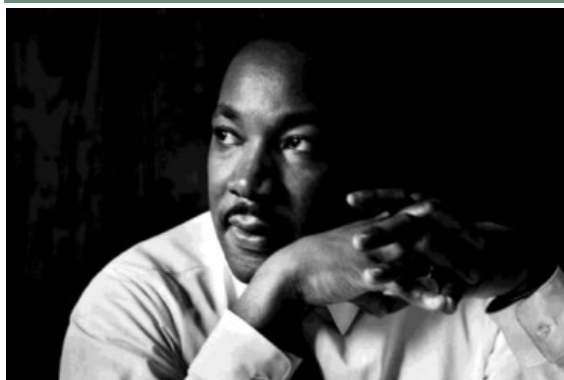


OR: For **PAYPAL** search @StPatricksParish.

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
12/10/2023	\$4,470.00	\$4,166.50	\$8,636.50	\$8,700
12/17/2023	\$6,461.00	\$3,119.50	\$9,580.50	\$8,700
12/24/2023	\$4,444.00	\$2,093.50	\$6,537.50	\$8,700
12/31/2023	\$2,943.00	\$2,078.50	\$5,021.50	\$8,700
1/7/2024	\$3,773.00	\$8,050.50	\$11,823.50	\$8,700
Average Weekly To-Date FY 2024	\$4,427.94	\$3,932.65	\$8,360.59	\$8,700



**Let Us Remember ...
Martin Luther King Jr. Day—January 15th**

Martin Luther King, Jr was a Baptist minister and social activist that had a huge impact on the civil rights movement of the 1950's in the United States. King was assassinated in 1968 and will be remembered for his non-violent protests against segregation and his "I have a Dream " speech.

Here are some great and memorable words of his...

"Take the first step in faith. You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step."

"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter."

"Man is man because he is free to operate within the framework of his destiny. He is free to deliberate, to make decisions, and to choose between alternatives. He is distinguished from animals by his freedom to do evil or to do good and to walk the high road of beauty or tread the low road of ugly degeneracy."

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy. "

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that. Hate multiplies hate, violence multiplies violence, and toughness multiplies toughness in a descending spiral of destruction....The chain reaction of evil—hate begetting hate, wars producing more wars—must be broken, or we shall be plunged into the dark abyss of annihilation."

"Whatever your life's work is, do it well. A man should do his job so well that the living, the dead, and the unborn could do it no better."

"I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."

"From every mountainside, let freedom ring. When we let freedom ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, 'Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!'"



Beatitudes for Children

MATTHEW 5:6

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled."

Simple Terms: Happy are the people who want to do right and know God more than anything else, for God will give them what they want most.



Truly being hungry and thirsty, causes pain and discomfort, and most children may know what hungry and thirsty feels like. It might be easier to explain to them that hungering and thirsting for righteousness, means that you want it really bad, like so bad that it may hurt our heart to know that we will never be perfect or fully righteous. It is important to explain though that the good news is that when we have that feeling of sadness and pain that God fills it and makes us better through and because of His Son Jesus, who is teaching this very lesson to us.



MATTHEW 5:7

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy."

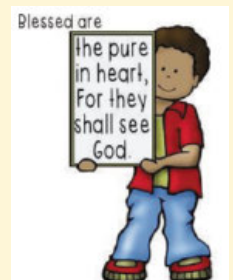
Simple Terms: Happy are the people who are kind and forgiving to other people, for they will be shown kindness and forgiveness too.

This can be very easily explained with the "Golden Rule" or in other words the Bible verse Matthew 7:12. This specific Beatitude that Jesus is teaching says, that the people that don't punish other people with what they deserve, will not be punished for what they deserve in return. We are all sinful and we all do bad things, but Jesus is reiterating what is repeated in multiple places in His teachings, and that is to love one another, as you want to be loved.

MATTHEW 5:8

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God."

Simple Terms: Happy are the people who not only change their actions and what they do and how they act on the outside, but also change their heart on the inside and how they feel, for they will see God.



It's easy for everyone to understand doing the right thing on the outside for others to see, but what Jesus is talking about here is changing the heart, the way we think and feel on the inside when we are doing the right things and for the right reason. When we do that and change not only our actions, but our hearts, Jesus is telling us that we will see God.

To be continued in future bulletins...

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***Come join our St. Patrick Family
and experience what an awesome parish this is
for you and your family!
All Are Welcome!***

Some Recent Facebook Posts by Fr. Tomasz

The only motivation in life that will ever make a difference is:
"I want to make it better." :)

As a Pastor, I'm so grateful for being where I am. Even though nothing is perfect, everything is beautiful. :) God love you.

Passion is the source of happiness and success. Embrace passion, and you will overcome all obstacles. Passion follows effort. :)

In our divided world we got to learn how to work together for a better future and loved one another no matter what. :)

God sees you as holy right here and right now knowing what you have been through. Amazing. :)

A bit of humor for you...



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,

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

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