



# st. patrick's

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

LOVE GOD. LOVE ONE ANOTHER. GROW DISCIPLES.



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 21, 2024

## LOVE GOD, LOVE ONE ANOTHER, GROW DISCIPLES

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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.**

follow us on social media!



### mass schedule

#### Weekend of Jan. 20 & 21

Sat. 4:30 PM + Helena 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 + Robert Trottier (5th Anniv.)  
By his Family

#### Week of Jan. 22 - 26

Mon. 8:30 AM Communion Service

Tues. 8:30 AM Communion Service

Wed. 4:30 PM + Alfred Manzi  
(Fr. Juan David)  
By Maria and Ken Guglielmo

Thurs. & Fri. No Mass

#### Weekend of Jan. 27 & 28

Sat. 4:30 PM + Marylou Mioduszewski  
By Mary Agnes (Fr. Bill Clark-Holy Cross)

Sun. 8:00 AM + Doris Picard (15th Anniv.) (Fr. Bill Clark)  
By her Family

10:00 AM + Mary Lou Verla (Fr. Bill Clark)  
By Tom and Rosemary Lefort

5:00 PM + Parishioners of St. Patrick's  
(Fr. Juan David)  
By his 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 :**

It can be hard, sometimes, to see where God is leading us. It's one thing to pray for God to reach into our lives and lead us forward, but at times it can seem as though we're walking in the dark, searching for something to at least give us a sense of where we're going, or even where we are. In moments like this, we may be tempted to pray, 'Dear Heavenly Father, I thank you for hearing me. You have heard my prayer asking you to lead me, but you seem to have turned the lights out, and now I can't see anything. Would it be possible for you to send a flashlight or candle, or at the very least, please give me a better sense of humor, so that I can laugh about how my prayer for direction, has resulted in total darkness...'



I've definitely had times in life, when my prayers may have sounded something like that. But, I've come to realize that asking God for guidance doesn't mean that I get to control God's response. If doing things my way got me into trouble, then I may not be the most qualified to detangle the spiritual mess I've created. It's like trying to eat soup with a slotted spoon. No matter how hard I try, I'm gonna end up empty. No soup for me. Soupless.

Sometimes, in our human-ness, we pray for something, then become impatient with God's response, or fail to see it altogether. If God's response is something that we can't fit neatly onto our to do list, it may go unnoticed or we may think that God simply isn't answering. But, God always answers. His answer is within us and without us - it's everywhere. Jesus showed us the way to live, and it's through that life and through the process of growing in love that we find God's response to our every prayer. God never creates darkness. The sun doesn't create the shadows we see, other things do that.

When things get challenging, and we find ourselves looking for answers from God, maybe let's not look so hard. In those moments, let's focus on the things we *can* do - we can breathe, we can love, we can take a step forward, we can breathe, we can love, we can take a step forward...and on and on.

God moves within our lives through the process of us living in love.

Blessings,  
Chris



## NAC Food Pantry Needs Help With Donations



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. 21, 11:30 AM: Olivia Boothby Zapata and James Daniel Boothby**  
**12:30 PM: Heather Kathleen Megann**

### Upcoming Second Collections:

**Jan. 21: Utilities     Jan. 28: Catholic Home Missions     Feb. 4: Heating**

### 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.



Week	Weekly Envelopes & Cash	Weekly Online	Weekly Total	Goal
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
1/14/2024	\$4,650.00	\$1,968.50	\$6,618.50	\$8,700
Average Weekly To-Date FY 2024	\$4,439.04	\$3,834.45	\$8,273.49	\$8,700



## OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY OPEN HOUSE

Our Lady of the Valley Regional School will hold an **Open House on Sunday, January 28th from noon until two p.m.** Our Lady of the Valley is an outstanding, faith based elementary school and middle school academy educating students in grades PreK3 through eight. Located at 75 Mendon Street in Uxbridge, Our Lady of the Valley is a growing Catholic school featuring new and improved facilities, outstanding academic, athletic and artistic programs and an atmosphere of excellence firmly rooted in Catholic tradition and aspiring to peace, love and justice. At Our Lady of the Valley Regional School, every student learns that they are: Loved at home. Loved at school. Loved by God. All interested students and families are welcome on January 28<sup>th</sup> to tour our school buildings, to meet our faculty and students and to learn more about our wonderful school community.

### OPEN HOUSE

**Sunday, Jan. 28th  
Noon until Two**

See why families  
choose Our Lady of the  
Valley Regional School  
Pre-school through Grade 8



Visit us at [ourladyofthevalleyregional.com](http://ourladyofthevalleyregional.com)

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God bless,

Ed Reynolds, Principal

### Some Recent Facebook Posts by Fr. Tomasz

As a priest and a friend to all of you, I am so grateful to be a part of your journey in good times and in bad times.

This evening, I sit down and can't help but be so grateful for being a pastor of St. Patrick's and a friend to all of you. :)

As a pastor I see so much joy and so much pain in my ministry day in and day out. And I walk with God who is with us always.

When God is silent, God is listening to you. Just talk to him as you would a best friend. :)

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

My FB friends, I am praying for you tonight. I may not know what you are going through right now but I am praying for you.

## Beatitudes for Children (continued from previous bulletins)

### MATTHEW 5:9

**“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.”**

**Simple Terms: Happy are the people who work to make peace and good for others, for they will be called children of God.**



Jesus Taught The Beatitudes

Peacemakers is a big, but simple word; literally meaning, making peace. A peacemaker isn't someone who backs down from things and hides in a corner, a peacemaker is someone who works to make things right, to make peace for others. Making peace requires doing and taking action. Kids should know that they need to stand up for peace, and that doing so is good and Jesus says specifically in this Beatitude that a peacemaker will be rewarded with the title of being called a "child of God".

### MATTHEW 5:10

**“Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”**

**Simple Terms: People who are hurt, suffer or are treated badly because they have done right, can be happy knowing that they will have the kingdom of heaven to look forward to.**

Persecution is a big word, but it simply means to be hurt or attacked. As humans, we naturally feel that if we are being hurt, that means that we have done bad, but Jesus is telling us that if we are doing right and good things and people are hurting us we can know that God considers us to be blessed and that His kingdom in heaven, that He has prepared, is ours as a blessing from Him.

### MATTHEW 5:11-12

**“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”**

**Simple Terms: You can be happy when people make fun of you, hurt you or say things that are mean and wrong against you because of Jesus. Be excited and happy because just like the other heroes of the Bible, your reward is going to be great when you get to heaven.**

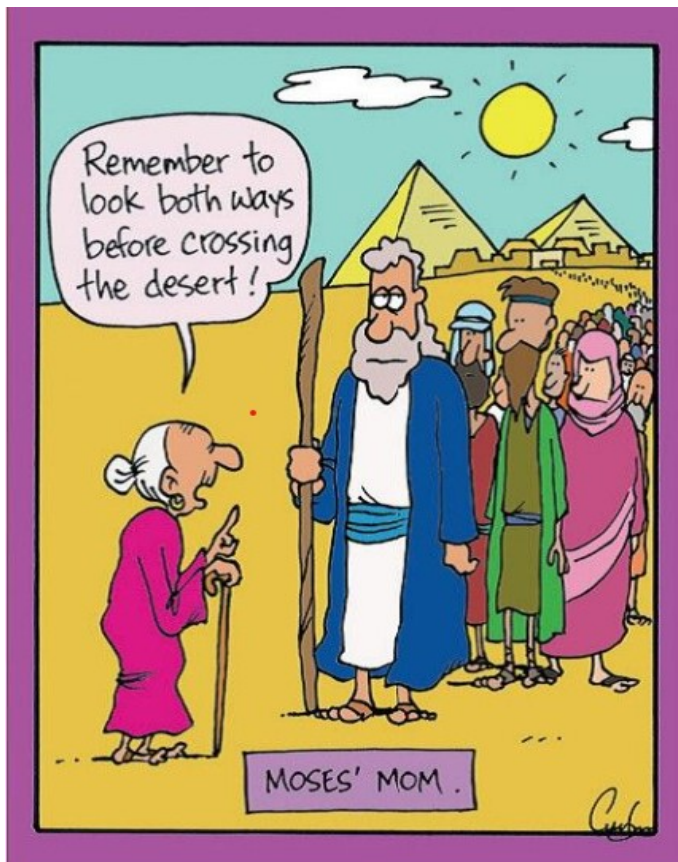
This Beatitude is similar to the previous one, in that it references being persecuted for Jesus, but it references specifics such as insults and falsely saying all kinds of evil against you. It is also not just for any righteous and good thing, but if all of this happens to you simply because people know that you are a follower of Jesus. The reward or detail of the blessing extends into the 12<sup>th</sup> verse, but gives even deeper explanation, by stating that we can "rejoice" and "be glad", basically we can be excited, because the reward God has for us is great.

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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!*



A bit of humor for you...



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.



**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**