



# st. patrick's

## ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

LOVE GOD. LOVE ONE ANOTHER. GROW DISCIPLES.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



### Light of the World

Lord God,  
when we were unfaithful,  
you remembered us.  
Your love is so great  
that you sent your Son  
to be the Light of the World.

May I keep my eyes fixed upon your light,  
and never surrender to the dark,  
O Christ.  
Who lives and reigns with you,  
in the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### Light of Hope in the Darkness



*Today's readings: 2 Chronicles 36:14–16, 19–23; Psalm 137:1–2, 3, 4–5, 6; Ephesians 2:4–10; John 3:14–21.* Hope and joy are recurring themes in the readings and prayers on the Fourth Sunday of Lent. Midway through Lent, just as we begin to weary in our resolve, the readings remind us of God's love and the eternal life that awaits, and the prayers relate the Christian response of joy. The entrance antiphon begins, "Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her," recalling for us that Lent is also a season for joy.

The liturgical color varies from the season's violet to rose today to visually encourage us. This day points to the

reconciliation that is ours because of Christ's death and resurrection. And we have merited none of this. Only by the mercy of God do we live in Christ. As the reading from Ephesians states, "It is the gift of God; it is not from works so no one may boast."

Some accept the gift of faith, but as the Gospel states, "The light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light." At baptism, we received the light of Christ and, with that light, join Christ in dispelling darkness. This week, be aware that you carry the light of Christ within you and can bring others to it.

March 10, 2024



## THIS WEEK AT HOME

### Monday, March 11

#### Blind Faith

John tells the story of a man pleading for Jesus to cure his dying child. The miracle of the cure convinced this man and the others present that Jesus was the Messiah. But what about those of us who have never witnessed such a miracle? Take some time to journal about your faith in Jesus. On what do you base your belief? How much do you trust in the Lord? *Today's readings: Isaiah 65:17–21 Psalm 30:2, 4, 5–6, 11–12a, 13b; John 4:43–54.*

### Tuesday, March 12

#### Journeying Together

Asking for or accepting help shows courage because it implies that we are not self-sufficient. Recognizing our dependence on God and one another is a virtue. Being in relationship with others requires listening. Today, await the answer when asking someone how he or she is doing. Then really listen. Similarly, make sure that you leave space and time in your prayer for God's voice to bubble up inside of you. *Today's readings: Ezekiel 47:1–9, 12; Psalm 46:2–3, 5–6, 8–9; John 5:1–16.*

### Wednesday, March 13

#### Blind Faith

While the Lord is a just judge, people are not always so fair or righteous. Are you your worst critic? The idea of self-compassion might seem hedonistic or selfish, yet it can be hard to give what we do not possess. If we desire to extend God's kindness to others, we need to express compassion toward ourselves. Examine how well you practice patience and mercy toward others. To improve, begin with yourself. *Today's readings: Isaiah 49:8–15; Psalm 145:8–9, 13cd–14, 17–18; John 5:17–30.*

### Thursday, March 14

#### Taking a Pause

During every Mass, we encounter Christ in the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. He is present especially in the consecrated bread and wine, in the Scriptures, in the ministers, and in the assembly. God does not want us to continue wandering in the desert; he beckons us to the promised land of eternal life. This week, meditate on a part of the Mass. Practice being truly present during Mass to allow space for conversion and transformation. *Today's readings: Exodus 32:7–14; Psalm 106:19–20, 21–22, 23; John 5:31–47.*

### Friday, March 15

#### Genuine Encounter

What does it mean to truly know someone? Have you followed a famous figure or professional contact and felt that you knew everything about him or her without having even met the person? Or perhaps you met the individual and encountered someone different than you had imagined. In today's Gospel, the inhabitants of Jerusalem think that they know Jesus, but their knowledge is on a surface level. They do not know the One who sent him. When you read the Scriptures, invite the words to fill your heart so that you can know the Lord. *Today's readings: Wisdom 2:1a, 12–22; Psalm 34:17–18, 19–20, 21, 23; John 7:1–2, 10, 25–30.*

### Saturday, March 16

#### The Body of Christ

Many things can distract us as we seek to become closer to God and spread the Good News. How can you stay rooted in a life of discipleship? What are some of the things you can do in your community to continue the ministry of Jesus? Can you read to children at the library? Or volunteer in a soup kitchen? Does your community have a cleanup day for which you could sign up? Strive to be walking testimonies of Jesus' love. *Today's readings: Jeremiah 11:18–20; Psalm 7:2–3, 9bc–10, 11–12; John 7:40–53.*





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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 Mar. 9 & 10

Sat. 4:30 PM + Marcia Behrens  
By Mary and John Armstrong  
Sun. 8:00 AM + Cathy Phelan  
By her Family  
10:00 AM + Dick Desjardin  
By his wife, Aline Desjardin  
5:00 PM + People of St. Patrick Parish

Week of Mar. 11 - 15

Mon. 8:30 AM + Parishioners of St. Patrick Parish  
Tues. 8:30 AM + Parishioners of St. Patrick's Parish  
Wed. 4:30 PM + Parishioners of St. Patrick Parish  
Thurs. & Fri. No Mass

Weekend of Mar. 16 & 17

Sat. 4:30 PM + Mary Lou Mioduszewski  
By Joanne Briand  
Sun. 8:00 AM + Mary and Raymond Bisbee  
By the Duvernay Family  
10:00 AM + Patrick Mawn, Jr.  
By his Family  
5:00 PM + Richard Dion ( 4th Anniv.)  
By the Dion Family

volunteer support

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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!



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 :**

Hi Friends,



As I write this, I am still getting over jet lag from an amazing trip to Italy. My daughter Emily and I spent twelve days traveling through Rome, Florence, Siena, Verona etc. Emily gracefully let me tour and pray in all the churches we passed. I have a count of 19 Basilica's, Duomos, and Chapels I know we visited. There were more, I am sure. In our time in Italy, I was constantly amazed by the history, the artwork, the life that has been lived there before me. To hear the Duomo in Florence took 142 years to build is incomprehensible. Our country is about 247 years old. It took 57% of the time we have been a country to build one amazing church. I think of the workers and craftsmen who started it and would never see it complete. There must have been generations of families that worked on that project. And yet in 2024, I am just one of the people who can stand outside and in to witness the majesty of their work. Throughout our church tours we were told the people who worked on and labored over the making of such magnificent places, stained glass, frescos, sculptures were all told to use the talents God gave them to worship him (God).

Emily and I were able to attend Pope Francis' General Audience on Ash Wednesday. In his address Pope Francis was in part of a series on vices. To be honest, to be in the presence of Pope Francis in this Hall that was a part of St. Peter's Basilica, I really wanted something upbeat something monumental, not necessarily to talk about vices.

Yet, the talk has been rattling around in my brain ever since I heard the English translation, my Italian is pitiful. Pope Francis talked about acedia or the dangers of laziness. I am a person who loves being lazy on my days off and didn't like the topic of conversation at first. However, between reading our Lenten book "Rebuilt Faith" and hearing Pope Francis' address, I think I am getting a better idea about what was being discussed.

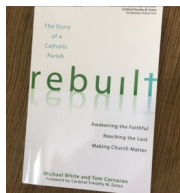
In our life we are constantly seeing jobs that need done, people who wish for help, things no one else is doing. In my understanding these are the things we need to make time for. In my house rather than huff and puff over who is going to load and run the dishwasher, I can take 10 minutes to load it and turn it on. But more than that. What happens when I don't feel like going to Church on the weekend, so I don't. What happens when there is a project the Church, school or your job are asking for volunteers for? Do I help or do I wait for someone else to do it? Am I willing to give up time with a really good book and my cup of tea and sit and listen to one of my children or a friend who needs to talk? We make these decisions every day.

I don't think the message is to never have down time or time to recharge. But if you are like me, there is always that time I don't want to do something even when I do have time. In our book, Rebuilt Faith, I am reading about the need for service. On page 56 the chapter starts, "If you want to be great, you need to serve." In my time here, with YIA, YIA Jr, talking to volunteers from John 21, people who put up and take down the outside manger, the people who volunteer for the baskets at the holidays for the those in need... every time either I or they have experienced something that makes an impact on our life. Our summer service weeks are some of the best weeks of my year, despite the lack of sleep!

I was able to stand and witness the glory of all the work done generations ago by people who stepped up and applied their talent, skills, sweat and tears to be a part of creating something to touch lives for generations. We may not be leaving a craftsman sculpture behind for the generations, but the way we live, love and serve, the showing up when we may not want to, that all benefits our community but more so on our lives and that is what will leave its mark. It leaves a mark on us and on those we serve. So, this Lent maybe say yes to a project you just want to say NO to.

- Aileen

### Lenten Book Discussion!



We will have a gathering after the 10 AM Mass on March 10th to discuss the book, *Rebuilt*, that was distributed to parishioners at the start of Lent. The gathering will be held in the Parish Center. Please come and share your thoughts.

All are welcome!

## LENTEN SCHEDULE 2024

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays - 3:30 PM or by appointment

**Adoration:** Wednesdays, 3:00-6:00 PM. It includes Mass at 4:30 PM

**Stations of the Cross:** Fridays at 7:00 PM

### Living Stations Good Friday

(Presented by Youth Ministry) March 29th

### Annual YNIA Fish & Chips

Fridays during Lent : 4:30-7:00 PM  
Thank you for supporting our YIA



**"Fill the Font"** : Bring non-perishable food. Place in the Baptismal Font. They will be donated to the "Peace of Bread" Ministry.



**"Easter Food Baskets":** Information Below.

### The Paschal Triduum:

Holy Thursday, March 28, 7:00 PM

Good Friday, March 29, 7:00 PM

Holy Saturday Vigil, March 30, 7:30 PM

Easter Sunday March 31, 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM,  
No 5:00 PM Mass



### Easter Food Baskets/Gift Cards – Reminder!

Please remember to deliver any food basket and/or gift card, with the tag securely attached, to the Parish Center on Saturday March 23rd between 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM. Baskets will be distributed that day between Noon and 2:00 PM. Volunteers are needed to assist with baskets being dropped off in the morning, and with helping bring the baskets out to the cars of those receiving baskets in the afternoon. 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.

If you would like to give electronically to the Gift Card Fund please go to our website, [www.mystpatricks.com](http://www.mystpatricks.com) and select Give, then choose one time, and select Fund, Gift Card, Amount, Submit. All donations are appreciated!

If you cannot return the basket within the requested timeframe, please contact the rectory as soon as possible so that we can make other arrangements. As always, your continued support is greatly appreciated!



### Fish & Chips - Fridays During Lent 4:30 - 7:00 PM

Back by popular demand, Jim from Peg's Diner will be cooking delicious Fish and Chips Dinners again this year. Dinner options are baked fish/baked potato & coleslaw or fried fish/fries & coleslaw dinners for \$14.

Jimmy's Famous Clam Chowder is available for \$4/cup or \$6/bowl. Mac & cheese/fries for \$5. Dinners will be available for in house dining or pick up on Ash Wednesday & Fridays during Lent (Feb 14-March 22) from 4:30 to 7 PM. Payment by Venmo, or Cash. To place an order call after 4:00, 508-234-3511

Thank you for supporting the Youth in Action Summer Service Trip to Nashville!

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**The Partners in Charity Campaign, 2024-24, has begun and our parish goal is \$50,000.**

Please prayerfully consider donating to this worthy cause.

There are envelopes in the back of the church for your convenience.

## Coming Up This Week!

Join us on Friday, March 15th at 7 PM in the church for a free concert celebrating the music of Ireland. A Cash Calendar prize drawing of \$100



will take place at the end of the concert so be sure to purchase your calendar tickets now for a chance to win.

**Sponsored by the Northbridge Cultural Council**

### Upcoming Second Collections:

**Mar: Easter Flowers**

**Mar 10: Utilities**

**Mar 17: Catholic Relief Services**

**Mar 24: Building Fund**

### 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
2/4/2024	\$11,330.00	\$7,883.51	\$19,213.51	\$8,700
2/11/2024	\$4,113.00	\$2,288.50	\$6,401.50	\$8,700
2/18/2024	\$4,625.00	\$3,278.50	\$7,903.50	\$8,700
2/25/2024	\$7,180.00	\$1,913.50	\$9,093.50	\$8,700
3/3/2024	\$6,416.00	\$7,355.50	\$13,771.50	\$8,700
Average Weekly To-Date FY 2024	\$4,831.03	\$3,570.37	\$8,401.40	\$8,700



### March 2024 Cash Calendar

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	Calendar 3/\$50 or 1/\$25 Over \$2K in prizes. You can win more than once!				1 \$50 Fish & Chips	2 \$25
3 \$25	4 \$25	5 \$25	6 \$25	7 \$25	8 \$50 Fish & Chips	9 \$25
10 \$25	11 \$25	12 \$25	13 \$25	14 \$25	15 \$100 Concert Fish & Chips	16 \$25
17 \$250 St. Patrick's Day	18 \$25	19 \$25 Happy Spring!!!	20 \$25	21 \$25	22 \$50 Fish & Chips	23 \$25
24 \$25	25 \$25	26 \$25	27 \$25	28 \$25	29 \$25	30 \$25
31 \$1000 Easter Sunday	ST. PATRICK'S			7 East Street, Whitinsville 508-234-5656 www.mystpatrick.com		

Back by Popular Demand!

## St. Patrick's Parish Cash Calendar

Get your Cash Calendar now to be entered to win cash prizes *every day* throughout the month of March!

Calendars can be purchased in church after Mass, on-line at our website, or by calling the rectory at 508-234-5656.

1 for \$25 or 3 for \$50

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



### Recycling News...

Next YIA Recycling Event,  
June 1, 2024



There will be stations for Clothing & Textiles; Gently Used Books & Media; Bottles & Cans; Electronics for A Fee; Paper Shredding for a Fee

Bottles & Cans - Rinsed bottles and cans can be turned in throughout the year. (no glass please)

Paper Shredding Note - Paper Shredding will only be offered once a year during the Spring Recycling Event!

Recycling profits benefit the Youth In Action service ministry. Thank you to everyone who help to make our recycling program a success!



### 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