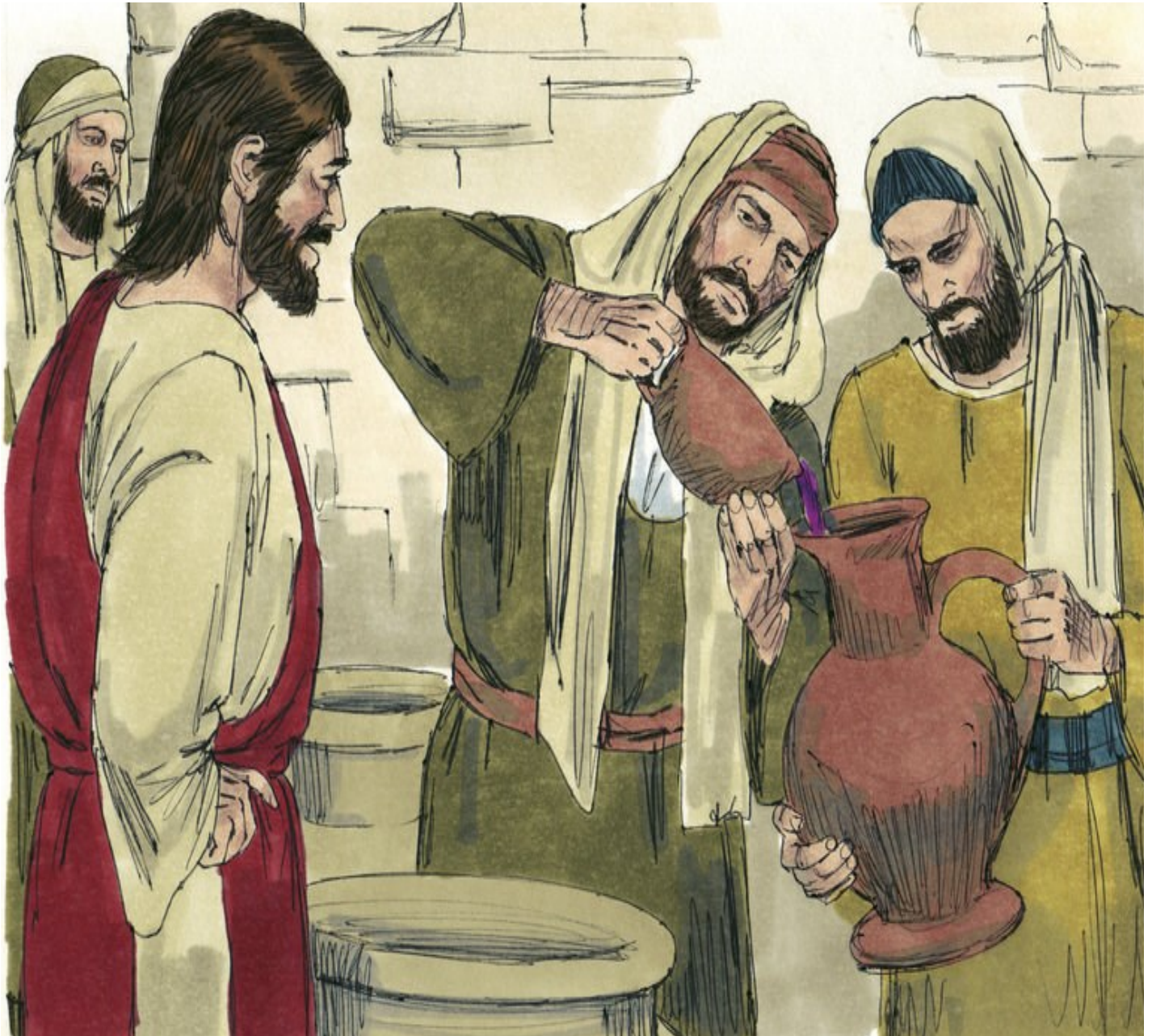




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ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

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The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 19, 2025

The First Miracle of Jesus: The Wedding Feast at Cana

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Masses: Sat. 4:30 p.m.; Sun. 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

Confession: Sat. 3:30 - 4:00 p.m.

*Call the Office for Information on receiving the
Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Matrimony,
Sacrament of the Sick, and Homebound Visits.*

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**St Patricks Parish
Whitinsville**

live stream mass schedule

Saturday: 4:30 p.m. Sunday: 10:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

Cable: NCTV 191 & 192

Mon: 12:00 Noon Wed. 8:00 a.m. Sat: 8:00 a.m.

mass schedule

Weekend of January 18 - 19

Sat. 4:30 PM + Maria Couto
By the Family

Sun. 8:00 AM + Robert Trottier (6th Anniv.)
By his Family

10:00 AM + Raymond Sotek
By Aline Desjardin

5:00PM + Parishioners of the Parish

Week of January 20 - 24

Mon. 8:30 AM + Gary Trottier
By the Daily Mass Attendees

Tues. 8:30 AM + Parishioners of the Parish

Wed: 3:30 PM + Adoration & Divine Mercy

Wed. 4:30 PM + Evelyn LaDuke
By Sal & Linda D'Amato

Thurs & Fri. + No Mass

Weekend of January 25 - 26

Sat. 4:30 PM + Agnes Beaulieu
By Friends

Sun. 8:00 AM + Remi Roy
By the Family

10:00AM + George & Eleanor Ollis
By their Family

5:00PM + Bill Lyons
By Friends

BAPTISM: Kenna Rose Miklavic at 11:30 a.m.

The Mass book is open for the months January through 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 a Mass is \$10.00.

Reflections:



So, we've made it through the Christmas season, and now we're walking together into Ordinary Time. It's our first experience with Ordinary Time in this new Liturgical year (Year C, the third of a three year cycle which begins every Advent).

In our Gospel this weekend, we begin the second chapter of John, and the scene is the wedding at Cana. It's kind of a funny scene shift, because the last line of chapter one is Jesus telling Nathanael,

***I tell you the truth, you shall see heaven open,
and the angels of God ascending and descending of the Son of Man.
(John 1:51)***

Now, they're all chillin' at this wedding! That's a pretty big departure from '...angels descending on the Son of Man.' But, then again, maybe it's not. Jesus *was* the Son of Man. But, he was also a son, to Mary and Joseph. Jesus almost certainly would have attended big celebrations such as weddings with his parents as a child, and as a young man, he most likely would have attended the weddings of his friends, cousins, etc. I think at times, it's possible for us to overlook Jesus' human experiences because sometimes we have difficulty seeing God in our own human experience. It's like, we can see Jesus as this exceptionally bright, highly intelligent, radical teacher who broke through social barriers and freed people's minds by opening their hearts to a new vision of a loving Father -or- we can see Jesus as God walking among us, performing miracles and living a Divinely supernatural human experience.

Jesus was all of those things, and maybe the stark contrast between the end of John chapter one, and the beginning of chapter two, is the author's way of trying to bring those two sides of Jesus together. It can be dizzying sometimes reading theological discussions and commentary regarding the Gospels. Every verse is dissected and analyzed, and with a simple search on the inter webs, we can easily access a wide range of theories and opinions on the Gospels and on all things biblical. It can be very helpful in broadening our understanding of scripture, especially when it comes to putting biblical events into context. But, for me, sometimes the most meaningful passages of the Gospels are the ones in which Jesus is doing extraordinary things in ordinary situations.

It can be difficult sometimes to allow ourselves to see our true identity as God's children. Life happens, and sometimes we can feel anxious or stressed, angry or depressed. That's all part of the human experience, and yes, there are times when the human experience doesn't feel so great. But, it's important to know that Jesus lived the human experience too. We know almost nothing about the death of Joseph, but we can certainly imagine how Jesus must have felt. Betrayal, sadness, anger; we know that Jesus experienced these things. Jesus prayed often, and we know that he turned to God when things were hard.

God is with us all of the time! We need not wait for ourselves to be the best version of ourselves for God to dwell within us. He's already in there! Can we see God in the every day routine of our lives? Can we see God in our interactions with each other, and can we be present for others the way that God is present for us?

Chris

Blackstone Valley Emergency Shelter

The Blackstone Valley Emergency Shelter enters its 8th year supporting the Homeless in the Blackstone Valley with much needed supplies, accommodations and resources to build a sustainable future.

The funds raised during the 20th Annual Wine & Chocolate Tasting event will provide shelter, food/gas gift cards, cold weather essentials (gloves, socks, hats, blankets) as well as support from the BVES Homeless Navigator and access to the BVES Online Resource Center.

If you are able to support this worthwhile community initiative now serving eight communities in the Blackstone Valley (Northbridge, Uxbridge, Sutton, Grafton, Douglas, Millville, Blackstone, Millbury), there are two ways we could use your assistance: (1) Provide a 'raffle basket/item' that will be raffled off at the event. I would be able to pick up those baskets/items at your convenience. (2) Attend the March 8th event. Please see the attachment for additional details regarding the 'Annual Wine & Chocolate Tasting' event at Blissful Meadows Golf Club in Uxbridge, MA on March 8th.

Each of us can make a difference in the lives of those that are in an emergency/difficult situation — together we can "help someone hope"!

Thank you for your continued support of the Blackstone Valley Emergency Shelter.

Fred Beauregard, BVES Board Member



20th Annual Wine & Chocolate Tasting — Transformed into a Bigger and Better Tasting Event to Support the BV Emergency Shelter and the BV Rotary **To Be Held on Saturday, March 8th**

Get ready to indulge your senses and make a difference at the 20th Annual Wine & Chocolate Tasting Charity Event, now called the **Blackstone Valley Tasting Event**, hosted by the Blackstone Valley Emergency Shelter and the Blackstone Valley Rotary. Scheduled for March 8th at 7:00 PM, this event promises an evening of delight and philanthropy at the picturesque Blissful Meadows Golf Club in Uxbridge, MA.

With live auctions, raffles, prizes, and an array of breweries, distilleries, and wineries, attendees can anticipate an unforgettable experience. Currently, committed participants are; Courthouse Brewery (Worcester), Murder Hill (Whitinsville), Rushford and Sons (Upton), Craftroots Brewery (Milford), and GlenPharmer Distillery (Franklin). You will experience these amazing companies and more while supporting two significant causes: aiding the homeless in the Blackstone Valley and funding scholarships through the BV Rotary Club.

"The event isn't just about indulgence; it's about coming together as a community to uplift those in need," remarked Leslie Reichert, CEO of the Blackstone Valley Emergency Shelter. Proceeds from the evening will be allocated to the Blackstone Valley Emergency Shelter, providing essential support to those experiencing homelessness in the Valley.

With an expected turnout of approximately 250 guests, organizers urge community members to participate in various capacities. Whether attending, sponsoring the event, or donating raffle baskets, every contribution is valued and makes a tangible impact.

"We extend our heartfelt gratitude for everyone's generosity and support. Together, we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of those experiencing homelessness. Together, we can give them HOPE," concluded Reichert, expressing appreciation to the community for its ongoing dedication.

For those interested in participating or contributing, further information and tickets can be obtained at <https://square.link/u/P0U6pFPi>, www.BVemergencysHELTER.org, or on Facebook at BVwinetasting. Tickets are \$40 per person. Don't miss out on this opportunity to join in the festivities and make a positive impact in the community.

Our Lady of the Valley Regional School

Our Lady of the Valley Regional School will hold an **Open House on Sunday, January 26th 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 26th to tour our school buildings, to meet our faculty and students and to learn more about our wonderful school community.

Diocesan Scout Sunday Mass

Please join us at Blessed Sacrament Church, 551 Pleasant St., Worcester for the Worcester Diocese Scout Sunday Mass on **February 9 at 10 a.m.** followed by refreshments in the Phelan Center parish hall. There will be FREE limited edition Scout patches available.

Upcoming Second Collection

January 19: Utilities

January 26: A/V Ministry

February 2: John 21 Community Breakfast

To Give a Contribution:

Text the word **mystpatricks** 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: @mystpatricks

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
12/15/2024	\$6,269.00	\$3,289.32	\$9,558.32	\$8,700
12/22/2024	\$6,388.00	\$2,442.42	\$8,830.42	\$8,700
12/29/2024	\$4,707.00	\$2,735.27	\$7,442.27	\$8,700
1/5/2024	\$5,613.00	\$7,264.51	\$12,877.51	\$8,700
1/12/2025	\$3,598.00	\$2,009.89	\$5,607.89	\$8,700
Average Weekly To-Date FY 2025	\$4,579.00	\$3,754.01	\$8,333.01	\$8,700

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A Personal Note from Mary Contino...



This was a tough Christmas without Agnes, but family and friends did many special things to remember her.

Our very dear friend, Melissa A. Litchfield, has offered a challenge to Agnes' friends and family. Knowing Ag's love of St. Patrick's Parish, Whitinsville, she has offered to match any donation to the St. Patrick's Parish, Whitinsville, building fund in Agnes' memory, dollar for dollar up to \$5,000.00 This is incredibly generous and very sweet. This would make Ag smile!

Thank you to everyone who supports this special gift.

Mary

There are still matching funds available. Please consider making a donation in memory of Agnes to meet this generous challenge!

Website: mystpatrick.com or St. Patrick Parish, Attn.: Liz Baker, 7 East St., Whitinsville, MA 01588

A Cup of Love - Agape Café is Open!



St. Patrick's again has opened up our AGAPE (Love) Café where you can enjoy coffee and donuts along with baked goods and fruit. This takes place after the 10 a.m. Mass, downstairs in the Parish Center. We hope that all will attend and have a great time catching up with old friends and making new friends.

Please come to socialize and enjoy - All are welcome!

Blackstone Valley Emergency Shelter



Purpose and Call: Many people in our society are overlooked, underserved and in need of a helping hand, especially during the harsh winter months. Many right here in our own community do not have a warm place to sleep at night, and their lives are endangered by the cold and snow. As a community of faith, we have seen this need and feel called to respond by literally opening our doors and offering a warm welcome to all those in need. We believe that this kind of loving care is at the center of our call to discipleship.

Volunteer Opportunity: Temporary Winter Shelter at St. Patrick's Church

This winter, we are opening our doors on the harshest nights to provide a safe space for those in need. Our shelter will be open from **9:00 PM to 7:00 AM** to offer protection for men, women, and children.

We are seeking volunteers to staff two shifts:

- 9:00 PM – 2:00 AM or ● 2:00 AM – 7:00 AM

The shelter is located in the Parish Center of St. Patrick's Church in Whitinsville. If you are interested in helping, please email bv.emergency.shelter@gmail.com, or contact:

John Lapointe: 508-254-3974 or George Gannon: 508-341-4993

Your support can make a difference in the lives of those in need this winter.

Thank you for your generosity!



Please Help... Blackstone Valley Emergency Shelter

The BVES is looking for donations of \$5.00 gift cards from McDonalds, Burger King, Dunkin', and/or Subway. These gift cards will be given to the homeless this winter, and can be dropped off at the rectory.

Weekly Divine Mercy and Adoration



As a reminder of the importance of the Eucharist and the true presence of Jesus Christ we have an opportunity to sit quietly in the Divine Presence. As part of this adoration we recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet beginning this time of adoration at 3 p.m. in which we pray for the parishioners, the world, the sick, and other Intentions that are close to our hearts. Come join this gathering as a renewal of faith and an opportunity to visit our friend above all friends, Jesus.

Thank you



Thank You!

**Thank you for remembering
St. Patrick's in your memorial
and will contributions.**

**A special thank you to the family of
Raymond Sotek**

**Who requested donations for
St. Patrick's Church.**

***We greatly appreciate your generosity in
memory of your loved one.***



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.

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, U.S. Army, So. Korea; U.S. Marine L. Cpl. Kevin James Sabin, Lejeune, NC; Command Master Chief U.S.C.G. Ben Richards, Charleston, South Carolina; Marine Corps PFC Nathan Kozlowski, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri

Safe Environment

As a reminder, our parish follows the guidelines of the national Charter for Protection of Children and Young People approved by the U.S. Bishops and the policies of the Diocese of Worcester in screening those who work with children in our care and in helping victims of abuse find healing. Call Judith Audette, Victims Service Coordinator for our Diocese at 508-929-4363 (direct line & confidential voicemail.)

Office of Healing and Prevention Diocese of Worcester

Victim's Assistant Coordinator Judith Audette:
508-929-4363 or go to WorcesterDiocese.org
for more information.