



st. patrick's
ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH
LOVE GOD. LOVE ONE ANOTHER. GROW DISCIPLES.

Congratulations To Our First Reconciliation Students



**The Second Sunday In Lent
March 16, 2025**

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masses & sacraments

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 March 15 - 16

Sat. 4:30 PM + John Harris (14th Anniv.)
By his Family

Sun. 8:00 AM + Catherine Green (1st Anniv.)
By her daughter, Nancy Batson

10:00 AM + Brendan Baker (7th Anniv.)
By his Parents

5:00 PM + Parishioners of the Parish

Week of March 17 - 21

Mon. 8:30 AM + Richard Dion (5th Anniv.)
By his Family

Tues. 8:30 AM + Parishioners of the Parish

Wed. 3:30 PM + Adoration & Divine Mercy

Wed. 4:30 PM + Edward Corrigan
By Anne Wortman

Thurs & Fri. + No Mass

Weekend of March 22 - 23

Anointing of the Sick after All Masses

Sat. 4:30 PM + Alice Surrette (1st Anniv.)
Mary Tymowicz (35th Anniv)
By their Family

Sun. 8:00 AM + Parishioners of the Parish

10:00AM + Fernando & Lorraine Vaz
By their Children

5:00PM + Patrick Mawn Jr.
By his Family

The Mass book is open for the months March through May.
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:



St. Patrick: Patron of Ireland and an Inspiration for All

St. Patrick, the beloved patron saint of Ireland, is remembered not only for his missionary work but also for his profound faith and dedication to spreading the Gospel. Born in Roman Britain around the year 385 AD, Patrick was captured by Irish raiders at the age of sixteen and taken to Ireland as a slave. During his six years in captivity, he turned to **God** in prayer, strengthening his faith. After escaping and returning to his homeland, he later felt called to return to Ireland—not for revenge, but to bring the light of **Christ** to those who had once enslaved him.

Patrick's mission in Ireland was transformative. Through his tireless efforts, he helped convert the Irish people from paganism to Christianity. Using the three-leafed shamrock, he famously explained the **Holy Trinity — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit** — making complex theological concepts more accessible to the people. This simple yet profound act of teaching is one of the reasons St. Patrick remains such a powerful symbol of faith.

Though much of his life remains a mystery, Patrick's legacy is clear: he dedicated himself entirely to the service of **God** and the salvation of souls. His missionary zeal, unwavering trust in **God's** providence, and deep love for the Irish people transformed a nation. Even today, his example continues to inspire Catholics to live out their faith with courage and conviction, no matter the challenges they face.

St. Patrick also serves as a reminder of **God's** ability to transform even the most difficult situations. His life shows us that no matter how dark or hopeless our circumstances may seem, **God's** plan for us is filled with purpose. Patrick's story encourages us to trust in **God's** will, to forgive those who have wronged us, and to respond to adversity with love and compassion.

As Catholics, we honor St. Patrick not just as the patron saint of Ireland, but as a model of faith, resilience, and missionary spirit. May his example inspire us to live out the Gospel message with boldness and love, sharing the light of **Christ** with the world around us.



God Bless,
Deacon Chris



Fridays during Lent

Dinner options are baked fish with baked potato & coleslaw or fried fish with fries & coleslaw. Dinners are \$15 each.

Clam Chowder and Vegetable Soup are available for \$6 a bowl. Mac & cheese with fries is \$5. With *eat-in dinners only*, patrons will receive a drink and a dessert with their meals.

Dinners will be available for in-house dining or pick-up,
March 5 through April 11 from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Payment by Venmo or Cash. To place a to-go order you may call *after 4:00 p.m.*: 508-234-5656.

*Thank you for supporting the
Youth in Action Summer Service Trip to Billings, MT!*



Easter Food Baskets/Gift Cards

Easter food basket tags will be available in the Chapel and at the entrance of the church this weekend if you would like to donate to a local family in need. If you would like to give electronically to the Gift Card Fund please go to our website, www.mystpatrick.com and select Give, then choose one time, and select Fund, Gift Card, Amount, Submit. All donations are appreciated!

Please remember to deliver any food basket and/or gift card, with the tag securely attached, to the Parish Center on Saturday April 12th between 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Baskets will be distributed that day between 12:30 and 2:30 p.m. 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.

Please Help the Blackstone Valley Emergency Shelter

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



Thank you for your continued support!



help someone hope

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 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.** to offer protection for men, women, and children.

We are seeking volunteers to staff two shifts:

9:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m. OR 2:00 a.m. – 7:00 a.m.

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!

March 16: Latin America

March 23: Audio Visual Ministry

March 30: Partners in Charity

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: @mystpatrick



Also, please consider St. Patrick Parish for a Charitable Bequest as part of your estate planning.

OFFERING

Week	Weekly Envelopes & Cash	Weekly Online	Weekly Total	Goal
2/9/2025	\$2,323.00	\$2,159.70	\$4,482.70	\$8,700
2/16/2025	\$2,883.00	\$3,545.46	\$6,428.46	\$8,700
2/23/2025	\$5,094.00	\$2,225.93	\$7,319.93	\$8,700
3/2/2025	\$7,091.00	\$7,355.27	\$14,446.27	\$8,700
3/9/2025	\$4,311.00	\$2,766.28	\$7,077.28	\$8,700
Average Weekly To-Date FY 2025	\$4,713.04	\$3,834.30	\$8,547.34	\$8,700

St. Patrick's Recycling News

Please save items for the upcoming Spring Recycling Event on Saturday, May 3rd.

There will be stations for:

- **Gently Used Clothing & Textiles**
- **Books (no encyclopedias)**
- **Media & Gently Used Magazines**
- **Bottles & Cans (no glass)**
- **Electronics *for a fee***
- **Paper Shredding *for a fee***



For further information or to request an electronics price list, please email: officesupport@mystpatrickss.com or visit the recycling page on our website.

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

Youth Summer Programs

Registration for **YIA Jr.** is open. It is our summer service and fun program for all students in 5th through 8th grades. With local service work in the morning and fun, faith-based summer activities in the afternoon, students learn teamwork, leadership, and community through the lens of Catholic social justice teachings. Weather permitting, we will spend our last day at Breezy Acres water slides. YIA Jr. will take place from July 28 through August 1, 2025, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Registration for **Scuba Vacation Bible School (VBS)** is open. Our VBS program is for children from Preschool through the end of 4th grade. This year we will be *diving* into our relationship with God. Each day students will participate in theme-related story time, crafts, singing and dancing, outdoor activities and snack time. VBS will run from August 11th through the 15th, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

If you would like to volunteer for any summer program, please call the rectory and speak with Shelly.

To register for YIA Jr. or Scuba VBS please visit
www.mystpatrickss.com/summer-programming

Agape Café

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!

TICKETS ON SALE - WORCESTER CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

Saturday, April 5, 2025
7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

WORCESTER CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE:

The Worcester Catholic Men's Conference will be held Saturday, April 5, at the Worcester DCU Convention Center.

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m., with the first speaker at 9:00 a.m. Men of all ages are invited.



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**.



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.