



st. patrick's

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

LOVE GOD. LOVE ONE ANOTHER. GROW DISCIPLES.

John
8:7

*If any
one of
you is
without
sin, let
him be
the first
to throw a stone at her.*

**I've Got
No Stone
to
Throw**

She has a Savior... He is her judge

The Fifth Sunday In Lent

April 6, 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 April 5 - 6

Sat. 4:30 PM + Lennie Vassar
By his sister, Pat Vassar
Sun. 8:00 AM + Pablo Alicea
By Friends
10:00 AM + Joseph & Annette Roy
By their Daughter
5:00 PM + Parishioners of the Parish

Week of April 7 - 11

Mon. 8:30 AM + Donald Connors
By Frank & Susan Strom
Tues. 8:30 AM + Holy Souls in Purgatory
By Helpers of the Holy Souls
Wed. 3:00 PM + Adoration and Divine Mercy
Wed. 4:30 PM + Parishioners of the Parish
Thurs. and Fri. + No Mass

Weekend of April 12 - 13

Palm Sunday

Sat. 4:30 PM + Corporal John Dawson
(10th Anniv.)
By his Family
Sun. 8:00 AM + Beverly B. Horowitz &
Joseph Kulesza
By Jane & Darrell Kulesza
10:00 AM + Annette Desmarais (22nd Anniv.)
By her Family
5:00 PM + Parishioners of the Parish

The Mass book is open for the months April through June. If you would like to book a Mass in memory of or in honor of a loved one, please call the Rectory at 508-234-5656.
The stipend for a Mass is \$10.00.

Reflections:



The Lenten Journey

Lent is often portrayed as a time of sacrifice and penance, but it is more than just a period of giving up luxuries or indulgences. At its heart, Lent is a journey — a spiritual pilgrimage toward deeper communion with God. The 40 days of Lent echo the time Jesus spent in the desert, where He faced temptation, fasting, and prayer. Just as He emerged from the wilderness strengthened and focused on His mission, we, too, are invited to enter this sacred season with the intention of renewal. This journey, marked by prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, is not just about self-discipline; it's about opening our hearts to God's transforming grace and preparing ourselves for the resurrection of Christ at Easter.

The road of Lent is not always easy. As we face the discomforts of fasting or the challenge of prayer, we are reminded that the journey toward holiness often requires us to move beyond our own comfort zones. Each step of penance is an opportunity for us to shed the distractions and attachments that pull us away from God, allowing our souls to grow in purity and devotion. Just as the Israelites wandered through the desert in search of the Promised Land, our Lenten journey is a time of purification that leads us closer to the fullness of life in Christ. In this way, Lent invites us to confront our weaknesses, but also to trust in God's power to heal and strengthen us.

As we approach the end of this sacred season, we are called to reflect on how our journey has deepened our relationship with God. Have we grown more attentive to His voice through prayer? Have we been more generous in serving others, as Jesus taught us? The culmination of Lent is not in the end of our sacrifices, but in the joy of Easter, where we celebrate Christ's victory over death and the promise of eternal life. Just as every journey involves both struggle and triumph, Lent leads us through a process of dying to ourselves so that we might rise with Christ in glory. Through this journey, we come to know not only the depths of our own need for God but also the boundless depths of His love for 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 – Reminder!

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 to 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.

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!

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!

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 (9:00 a.m. to 11:00 only)***



For further information or to request an electronics price list, please email:
officesupport@mystpatrick.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!

April: EASTER Flowers

April 6: Catholic Relief Services

April 13: Building Fund

April 20: EASTER

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:
@mystpatricks



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
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
3/16/2025	\$4,605.00	\$3,960.45	\$8,565.45	\$8,700
3/23/2025	\$4,119.00	\$2,238.24	\$6,357.24	\$8,700
3/30/2025	\$4,293.00	\$1,995.27	\$6,488.27	\$8,700
Average Weekly To-Date FY 2025	\$4,676.84	\$3,727.56	\$8,404.40	\$8,700

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Thank you to everyone that helped our 5th-8th grade students, friends and families pack 14,256 meals for our **Rise Against Hunger** project. Congratulations to the over 60 people who came and helped us to reach our packing goal. We had so much fun while helping our brothers & sisters across the world. At one point we packaged 1,000 meals in just 5 minutes.

There are so many people that helped us to achieve our goal. A *big* thank you to UniBank for their donation of \$1,000. Also, to Milford Federal for donating \$200. A *grand* thanks to all the parishioners that donated to the Souper Bowl Drive. We have such an amazing parish that really cares about our youth and their projects.

A *humongous* thank you to the Knights of Columbus, Mumford Council #365. It is so wonderful that they paid for all the food for all three Pancake Breakfasts, as well as cooking at all of them. Thank you John Oatis and Rich Green for organizing our cooks. We can't forget our parents that helped with the breakfasts and all the students that helped in the different fundraisers. We can't wait to find out where our food goes this year!



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!

BE GOD'S HELPING HANDS

**The Partners in Charity
Campaign 2025/26 has begun.**

**Please prayerfully consider
donating to this worthy cause.
There are envelopes at the
church entrances for
your convenience.**

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.