



# st. patrick's

## ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

LOVE GOD. LOVE ONE ANOTHER. GROW DISCIPLES.



# Palm Sunday

## April 13, 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.*

follow us on social media!



**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 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

#### Week of April 14 - 18

Mon. 8:30 AM	+ Parishioners of the Parish
Tues. 8:30 AM	+ Parishioners of the Parish
Wed. 3:00 PM	+ Adoration and Divine Mercy
Wed. 4:30 PM	+ Marie Guyette By her daughter, Nancy
Thurs. 7:00 PM	+ HOLY THURSDAY
Fri. 7:00 PM	+ GOOD FRIDAY
Fri. 1-4 PM	+ Living Stations

#### Weekend of April 19 - 20

Sat. 7:30 PM	+ Parishioners of the Parish
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#### **Easter Sunday**

Sun. 8:00 AM	+ Betty Ann Wales By Jane & Darrell Kulesza
10:00 AM	+ 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 whole multitude of his disciples began to praise God aloud with joy  
for all the mighty deeds they had seen. They proclaimed:*

*“Blessed is the king who comes  
in the name of the Lord.*

*Peace in heaven  
and glory in the highest.”  
(Luke 19:37-39)*



How could things have gotten so bad, so quickly? A few days after he was welcomed as a king, Jesus would be dead. I don't think it would be a stretch of the imagination to presume that some of those same people, who were in the crowd shouting, "Hosanna," were also present a few days later, only this time, shouting, "Crucify him," then, a Roman governor who at first seemed sympathetic to his case, would ultimately condemn Jesus to death. Even Jesus' closest friends scattered in fear, and Peter, who said he would never betray him, does so not once, but three times.

How does this happen? Have you ever seen a tense situation get quickly out of hand? I know I have. Sadly, when there are crowds and fear is in the air, things can go from bad to worse in the blink of an eye. But where are we in those crowds? I've heard it said that we should picture ourselves in the crowd shouting, "Hosanna," because we are meant to praise God and our lives aren't fulfilled unless we are doing so. But, if that's true, then why would we not also picture ourselves in the crowd shouting, "Crucify," or, at the very least, following along with the crowd, clamoring for a view of such a brutal spectacle?

The simple truth is, that we're capable of both. This is why today, we will sing "Hosanna, to the son of David," in our opening hymn, yet will also shout, "Crucify him! Crucify him" as we voice the part of the crowd in the Passion from today's Gospel. Our humanity means that we are capable of beautiful acts of mercy, and terrible acts of violence and indifference. But we do have a choice!

Yes, sometimes it's easier to follow the crowd, even when we know deep down that what we're saying or doing may be causing harm. But we proclaim Jesus as our Lord and Savior, and we follow his way. Jesus was a friend to the stranger and to the poor, and his way was one of compassion and truth; the truth that we are, all of us, beloved children of God. Jesus led with that always, and it informed everything he did. Jesus didn't shield himself from the vitriol of those who let their fear lead them to anger and acts of violence. Jesus didn't sacrifice the truth of who he was to satisfy those who refused to see. Rather, Jesus sacrificed himself in that truth so that all would come to see.

It's not always easy to do what is right, although doing what is right usually does make things easier. I don't know that we carry the same cross as Jesus; what we do carry, the cross that Jesus did give us, is the responsibility to care for each other, to help the poor and those in need, to welcome the stranger, to stand against war and abuse, and to strive for peace. Maybe that's the same thing, I'm not sure.

What I do know, is that we are not alone. God is with us, and his angels and his saints; and Jesus Christ, who was crucified, died, and was buried, and who rose again on the third day, is with us always; to help us, to strengthen us, to lift us up, to carry us... to love us.

*Hosanna in the highest!!*

## **Our Lady of the Valley Regional School Update**

Welcome to the OLV update, a biweekly entry to your parish bulletin. Here we will post news and information regarding Our Lady of the Valley Regional School, the wonderful Catholic elementary school and middle school academy located in the Blackstone Valley, sponsored and supported by St. Mary Parish, St. Patrick Parish and St. Peter Parish. We are blessed to have your prayers and support!

We continue to celebrate Lent at OLV by providing our students with opportunities to celebrate their faith. The commitment to put our Catholic faith forward and to weave our Catholic practices throughout the school experience is our first priority and the best reason to choose OLV, and we are proud to maintain this virtue throughout the school year. Recently, our Middle School Academy had the opportunity to attend the annual Mass for Life at St. Paul's Cathedral in Worcester, joining with their fellow Catholic school students from across the diocese. It was a special and beautiful Mass celebrated by Bishop McManus, and I am pleased to share that our students were extremely well behaved, respectful, reverent and responsive. They represented our school and parishes and their families extremely well.

Once again, we are thrilled to share the news that one of our OLV students has undertaken the Catechumenate process and will celebrate the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist during the Easter Vigil. We are very proud of seventh grader Anthony Baldwin who has chosen this path as well as Mrs. Marybeth Hay who has overseen this process and Mrs. Jen Nealon, OLV Religion teacher, who is his sponsor. We look forward to sharing this special time with Anthony's family and classmates at the Easter Vigil Mass.

Our students, faculty, staff and families are happy to share this wonderful news with the parishes who provide support and pray for OLV. Thank you for all that you do for Our Lady of the Valley Regional School!

God bless you and yours,  
Ed Reynolds, Principal

***Loved at home. Loved at school. Loved by God.***

**A message from Kelly Bol,  
Director of the Northbridge Senior Center:**



In December of 2024, the Northbridge Building Planning Construction Committee (BPCC) awarded the RFP (Request for Proposal) to Abacus Architect and Planners to perform a feasibility study for the proposal of a new Center on the site of the former Northbridge Elementary School at 44 Cross Street. On behalf of the COA Board, FINE Board and Staff, we would like to thank Town Manager Adam Gaudette, the Northbridge Board of Selectmen and the BPCC for this amazing opportunity.

To learn more, a public meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, **April 15, 2025, 7:00 p.m. at the Northbridge Fire Station, 1681 Providence Road, Northbridge.**

Please join us to ask questions, share your ideas and lastly, we would love your support!

**April: EASTER Flowers**

**April 13: Building Fund**

**April 20: EASTER**

**April 27: Utilities**

**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.



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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
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	\$6,288.27	\$8,700
4/6/2025	\$8,666.00	\$7,212.36	\$15,878.36	\$8,700
Average Weekly To-Date FY 2025	\$4,801.50	\$3,836.46	\$8,637.96	\$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 (9:00 a.m. to 11 a.m. only)**



For further information or to request an electronics price list, please email:  
[officesupport@mystpatricks.com](mailto:officesupport@mystpatricks.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!

## St. Patrick's Garden Ministry

It's April and not too early to begin preparing for the upcoming growing season. All are invited to be a part of our **St. Patrick's Garden Ministry**, where faith and service come together for the benefit of our community! Our ministry grows fresh vegetables in raised garden beds to help provide for those in need within our community.

No gardening experience? No problem! Whether you're a seasoned gardener or just eager to lend a hand, we welcome you to join us in preparing, planting, tending, and harvesting with a purpose.

As in years past, we will need volunteers to complete the following work:

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| <b>During April</b> | - clean the garden area of trash and other winter debris |
|                     | - prepare and repair garden equipment                    |
| <b>During May</b>   | - prepare the soil in the raised bed                     |
|                     | - gather plants and seeds to be planted                  |
| <b>June - Sept.</b> | - water, fertilize and weed                              |

We will begin this process on **April 26th at 10:00 a.m.** by cleaning the garden area and preparing the soil in the raised beds.

Come be a part of this rewarding ministry where we grow food, fellowship, and faith together. If you're interested in joining or learning more, please contact John Zywiec at [jjzywiec@gmail.com](mailto:jjzywiec@gmail.com).



## ***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](http://WorcesterDiocese.org)  
for more information.