



st. patrick's

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

LOVE GOD. LOVE ONE ANOTHER. GROW DISCIPLES.



Please join us on Easter as we listen to the readings on John 20:1-9... describing the empty tomb on the first day of the week, with Mary Magdalene, Peter, and another disciple discovering Jesus' body was gone, leading to a realization that Jesus had risen from the dead, though they initially didn't fully grasp the Scripture about his resurrection. It is wonderful that we are all gathered to hear that there is
“More to This”...

EASTER

April 20, 2025

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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 April 19 - 20

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Sat. 7:30 PM + Parishioners of the Parish
Sun. 8:00 AM + Betty Ann Wales
By Jane & Darrell Kulesza
10:00 AM + Parishioners of the Parish

Week of April 21 - 25

Mon. 8:30 AM + Donald Connors
By Frank & Susan Strom
Tues. 8:30 AM + Parishioners of the Parish
Wed. 3:00 PM + Adoration and Divine Mercy
Wed. 4:30 PM + John Bailey (35th Anniv.)
By John & Linda Zywiec
Thurs. and Fri. + No Mass

Weekend of April 26 - 27

Sat. 7:30 PM + James Woeller (1st. Anniv.)
By his Family
Sun. 8:00 AM + Domingo Alves & Ana Afonso
By their Family
10:00 AM + Dick Desjardin
By his wife, Aline
5:00 PM + Parishioners of the Parish

Baptism

Declan Henry Wooster
April 27 at 11:30 a.m.

The Mass book is open for the months May through July. 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.

Easter 2025



My dear friends in Christ,

Only a week has passed since Palm Sunday when we heard these words proclaimed from the Gospel of Luke: “He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God.”

Imagine what it was like for the disciples who watched as Jesus suffered and died on the cross. Had they abandoned all hope as they watched the Messiah’s ignominious death on the cross?

In his letter to the Philippians, St. Paul writes “[Jesus] humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him.” As baptized Catholics our faith has taught us that the crucifixion is not the end of the story. Jesus rising from the dead on that Easter morning was the source of hope for the disciples— and is still our source of hope today.

When Pope Francis announced a Jubilee Year of Hope for 2025, he reminded us that “hope is born of love and based on the love springing from the pierced heart of Jesus upon the cross . . . Christian hope does not deceive or disappoint because it is grounded in the certainty that nothing and no one may ever separate us from God’s love.”

This Easter Season I invite you to reflect on the fact that we can only be saved by God’s love as revealed in the death and resurrection of his Son. We cannot save ourselves. Human history has demonstrated time and again that all the riches and power in the world will not raise someone from the dead to eternal life. Yet this is the promise of salvation which Christ won for us.

What will bring you happiness in life? If it is to be loved unconditionally despite all your faults and failings, then look to the Risen Christ today. If you are seeking a “hope that does not disappoint,” then accept the invitation from Pope Francis to be a pilgrim seeking true hope in the love of God which is so bountiful that he invites us to spend eternity with him.

Our Holy Father reminds us that “hope, together with faith and charity, make up the . . . theological virtues that express the heart of the Christian life.” May the hope found in the promise of eternal life bolster each of us to bear witness to Christian love, so that our faith may be joyful and our charity to others may be enthusiastic.

With prayerful best wishes for a joyous Easter and a life filled with hope, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert J. McManus".

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus, STD
Bishop of Worcester

Easter Baskets & Gift Cards

On Palm Sunday weekend, through the generosity of our St. Patrick's parishioners, we were able to provide food baskets and gift cards to 103 Northbridge families who signed up for this Ministry through the Northbridge Association of Churches. The families come to us through the Senior Center, John 21, the Northbridge Food Pantry, High School, Middle and Elementary schools. St. Patrick's is blessed with your generous donations and the by the volunteers with their valuable time to make this Ministry possible! THANKYOU!

Please know how very grateful our recipients are!



YIA CARDBOARD VILLAGE PROJECT

Once again, our Youth in Action students are planning to take part in spending the night outside the Parish in cardboard boxes — and believe it or not, they are excited for it! Cardboard Village is done so that our teens may experience what it is like to not have a home. A deeper appreciation for what they each have is gained by every participant throughout this experience. Please consider sponsoring the youth of our parish, as the donations will help to defray the cost of the YIA mission trip this summer. You may do this before or after Masses next weekend, April 26 & 27. Students will be near the church entrances with their sponsor forms. This is the weekend of Divine Mercy and what a way to remember that some of our high school students are going to Montana to show divine mercy to those less fortunate. We are so grateful to have a Parish that supports such a great cause and is willing to help our next generation grow in faith, service, and mission.

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:

- During April**
 - clean the garden area of trash and other winter debris
 - prepare and repair garden equipment
- During May**
 - prepare the soil in the raised bed
 - gather plants and seeds to be planted
- June - Sept.**
 - 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.

Upcoming Collections

April 27: Utilities

May 4: Partners in Charity

May 11: Audio/Visual

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
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 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!

Fish & Chips... that's a wrap until next year!

We wanted to take an opportunity to thank all who participated in the fish and chips fundraiser drive. We are so grateful for the students, leaders and volunteers who made this event a success. Lastly, we are so grateful to all the parishioners, customers and community members who came in to dine with us. THANKYOU!





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.**

**We invite children ages 12
and under who attend the
10 a.m. Mass on Sunday to
join in an Easter egg hunt on
the front lawn by the Chapel.**

Happy Easter to all!



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.