



# st. patrick's

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

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## First Communion Candidates

Abigail	DeJordy
Emily	DeJordy
Ashton	Gibson
Julianna	Giguere
Luke	Gray
Brody	Hudson
Milo	Hudson
Brianna	Nkangu
Elnathan Ateh	Nkeng
Kade	Philip
Landon	Poulin
Dino	Saksa
Hannah	Shearer
Luca	Sheehan
Jackson	Sullivan

## Confirmation Candidates

Gabriel	Almeida Carvalho
Isabelle	Balon
Noah	Balon
Jason	Bolduc
Mackenna	Chiasson
Zachary	Chiasson
Danielle	Chrabaszcz
Antonio	D'Alfonso
Nathan	Falconer
Natalie	Fasold
Landon	Gibson
Kathleen	Leonard
Sienna	Mastroianni
Aiden	Naughton
Emily	Oatis
Owen	Pollock
Michael	Poschmann
Brendan	Riche
Julianna	Strassner
Maeve	Sullivan
Logan	Tetreault



*Congratulations*

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 4, 2025

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**Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. & Friday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

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### parish staff

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### volunteer support

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**Home Visits Coordinator:**

Joyce Silva: [Joyce.silva44@Verizon.net](mailto:Joyce.silva44@Verizon.net)  
or call her cell at 508-341-3371

### 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 May 3 - 4

Sat. 4:30 PM + Donald Connors (remembrance)  
By Bob & Eileen Hays  
Sun. 8:00 AM + Michael Feen  
By his Family  
10:00 AM + Raymond Gervais  
By his wife, Louise  
2:00 PM + First Communion  
5:00 PM + Parishioners of St. Patrick's

#### Week of May 5 - 9

Mon. 8:30 AM + Parishioners of St. Patrick's  
Tues. 8:30 AM + Parishioners of St. Patrick's  
Wed. 3:00 PM + Adoration and Divine Mercy  
Wed. 4:30 PM + Special Intention  
By Christine Trifari  
Thurs. and Fri. + No Mass

#### Weekend of May 10 - 11

Sat 4:30 PM + Parishioners of St. Patrick's  
Sun. 8:00 AM + Parishioners of St. Patrick's  
10:00 AM + Michelle Baldwin (1st. Anniv.)  
By her Family  
5:00 PM + Nellie & Kenny Vassar

### Baptism

May 4th at 5:00 PM  
Liliana Stevie Garcia

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.

*Reflections:*Homily by Cardinal Giovanni Battista. R.

In this majestic Saint Peter's Square, where Pope Francis celebrated the Eucharist so many times and presided over great gatherings over the past twelve years, we are gathered with sad hearts in prayer around his mortal remains. Yet, we are sustained by the certainty of faith, which assures us that human existence does not end in the tomb, but in the Father's house, in a life of happiness that will know no end.

On behalf of the College of Cardinals, I cordially thank all of you for your presence. With deep emotion, I extend respectful greetings and heartfelt thanks to the Heads of State, Heads of Government and Official Delegations who have come from many countries to express their affection, veneration, and esteem for our late Holy Father.

The outpouring of affection that we have witnessed in recent days following his passing from this earth into eternity tells us how much the profound pontificate of Pope Francis touched minds and hearts.

The final image we have of him, which will remain etched in our memory, is that of last Sunday, Easter Sunday, when Pope Francis, despite his serious health problems, wanted to give us his blessing from the balcony of Saint Peter's Basilica. He then came down to this Square to greet the large crowd gathered for the Easter Mass while riding in the open-top Popemobile.

With our prayers, we now entrust the soul of our beloved Pontiff to God, that he may grant him eternal happiness in the bright and glorious gaze of his immense love.

We are enlightened and guided by the passage of the Gospel, in which the very voice of Christ resounded, asking the first of the Apostles: **"Peter, do you love me more than these?"** Peter's answer was prompt and sincere: **"Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you!"** Jesus then entrusted him with the great mission: **"Feed my sheep."** This will be the constant task of Peter and his successors, a service of love in the footsteps of Christ, our Master and Lord, who **"came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many"** (Mk 10:45).

Despite his frailty and suffering towards the end, Pope Francis chose to follow this path of self-giving until the last day of his earthly life. He followed in the footsteps of his Lord, the Good Shepherd, who loved his sheep to the point of giving his life for them. And he did so with strength and serenity, close to his flock, the Church of God, mindful of the words of Jesus quoted by the Apostle Paul: "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35).

When Cardinal Bergoglio was elected by the Conclave on March 13, 2013, to succeed Pope Benedict XVI, he already had many years of experience in religious life in the Society of Jesus and, above all, was enriched by twenty-one years of pastoral ministry in the Archdiocese of Buenos Aires, first as Auxiliary, then as Coadjutor and, above all, as Archbishop.

The decision to take the name Francis immediately appeared to indicate the pastoral plan and style on which he wanted to base his pontificate, seeking inspiration from the spirit of Saint Francis of Assisi. He maintained his temperament and form of pastoral leadership, and through his resolute personality, immediately made his mark on the governance of the Church. He established direct contact with individuals and people, eager to be close to everyone, with a marked attention to those in difficulty, giving himself without measure, especially to the marginalized, the least among us. He was a Pope among the people, with an open heart towards everyone. He was also a Pope attentive to the signs of the times and what the Holy Spirit was awakening in the Church.

With his characteristic vocabulary and language, rich in images and metaphors, he always sought to shed light on the problems of our time with the wisdom of the Gospel. He did so by offering a response guided by the light of faith and encouraging us to live as Christians amid the challenges and contradictions in recent years, which he loved to describe as an **"epochal change."**

He had great spontaneity and an informal way of addressing everyone, even those far from the Church. Rich in human warmth and deeply sensitive to today's challenges, Pope Francis truly shared the anxieties, sufferings and hopes of this time of globalization. He gave of himself by comforting and encouraging us with a message capable of reaching people's hearts in a direct and immediate way. His charisma of welcome and listening, combined with a manner of behavior in keeping with today's sensitivities, touched hearts and sought to reawaken moral and spiritual sensibilities.

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Evangelization was the guiding principle of his pontificate. With a clear missionary vision, he spread the joy of the Gospel, which was the title of his first Apostolic Exhortation, “*Evangelia Gaudium*.” It is a joy that fills the hearts of all those who entrust themselves to God with confidence and hope.

The guiding thread of his mission was also the conviction that the Church is a home for all, a home with its doors always open. He often used the image of the Church as a “field hospital” after a battle in which many were wounded; a Church determined to take care of the problems of people and the great anxieties that tear the contemporary world apart; a Church capable of bending down to every person, regardless of their beliefs or condition, and healing their wounds.

His gestures and exhortations in favor of refugees and displaced people are countless. His insistence on working on behalf of the poor was constant.

It is significant that Pope Francis’ first journey was to Lampedusa, an island that symbolizes the tragedy of emigration, with thousands of people drowning at sea. In the same vein was his trip to Lesbos, together with the Ecumenical Patriarch and the Archbishop of Athens, as well as the celebration of a Mass on the border between Mexico and the United States during his journey to Mexico.

Of his 47 arduous Apostolic Journeys, the one to Iraq in 2021, defying every risk, will remain particularly memorable. That difficult Apostolic Journey was a balm on the open wounds of the Iraqi people, who had suffered so much from the inhuman actions of ISIS. It was also an important trip for interreligious dialogue, another significant dimension of his pastoral work. With his 2024 Apostolic Journey to four countries in Asia-Oceania, the Pope reached “the most peripheral periphery of the world.”

Pope Francis always placed the Gospel of mercy at the center, repeatedly emphasizing that God never tires of forgiving us. He always forgives whatever the situation might be of the person who asks for forgiveness and returns to the right path.

He called for the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy to highlight that mercy is “the heart of the Gospel.”

Mercy and the joy of the Gospel are two key words for Pope Francis.

In contrast to what he called “the culture of waste,” he, spoke of the culture of encounter and solidarity.

The theme of fraternity ran through his entire pontificate with vibrant tones. In his Encyclical Letter “*Fratelli tutti*,” he wanted to revive a worldwide aspiration to fraternity, because we are all children of the same Father who is in heaven. He often forcefully reminded us that we all belong to the same human family.

In 2019, during his trip to the United Arab Emirates, Pope Francis signed “A Document on Human Fraternity for World Peace and Living Together,” recalling the common fatherhood of God.

Addressing men and women throughout the world, in his Encyclical Letter “*Laudato si*” he drew attention to our duties and shared responsibility for our common home, stating, “No one is saved alone.”

Faced with the raging wars of recent years, with their inhuman horrors and countless deaths and destruction, Pope Francis incessantly raised his voice imploring peace and calling for reason and honest negotiation to find possible solutions. War, he said, results in the death of people and the destruction of homes, hospitals, and schools. War always leaves the world worse than it was before: it is always a painful and tragic defeat for everyone.

“Build bridges, not walls” was an exhortation he repeated many times, and his service of faith as Successor of the Apostle Peter always was linked to the service of humanity in all its dimensions.

Spiritually united with all of Christianity, we are here in large numbers to pray for Pope Francis, that God may welcome him into the immensity of his love.

Pope Francis used to conclude his speeches and meetings by saying, “Do not forget to pray for me.”

Dear Pope Francis, we now ask you to pray for us. May you bless the Church, bless Rome, and bless the whole world from heaven as you did last Sunday from the balcony of this Basilica in a final embrace with all the people of God, but also embrace humanity that seeks the truth with a sincere heart and holds high the torch of hope.

*Cardinal Giovanni Battista R, Vatican, Rome*

**Knights of Columbus  
MUMFORD COUNCIL 365  
"BABY SHOWER"  
MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND  
MAY 10 - 11**

The K of C needs your help. We will be collecting baby items to help the mothers and their babies at **PROBLEM PREGNANCY** in Worcester. These women made the choice to keep their children. Let's help support them in their decision. A port-a-crib will be set up in the church for you to place your gift donations. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Rich Green at 508-341-3875 or Lou Pepin at 508-234-6664. **WE NEED TO ELIMINATE LARGE ITEMS SUCH AS CAR SEATS AND FURNITURE.**

**Below is a list of items most needed:**

Baby bath items/toiletries	Baby bath towels/washcloths	Bathtubs
Baby Shampoo	Baby Powder	Baby Wipes
Crib Sheets	Pack-n-Plays	Pack-n-Play sheets
Burp Cloths	Pacifiers	Footed PJ's
Diaper Bags	Sleep Sacks	Girls shorts/pants
Swaddlers	Diaper Rash Cream	
Winter clothes (9-12 months most needed)	Diapers (sizes 4 and 5 most needed)	
	Summer clothes all sizes	

Monetary donations are acceptable. Please make checks payable to:  
**Problem Pregnancy of Worcester. Inc.**

**Upcoming Collections**

**May 11: Audio/Visual**

**May 18: Youth in Action**

**May 25: Air Conditioning**

**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
3/23/2025	\$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	\$7,474.36	\$16,140.36	\$8,700
4/13/2025	\$4,177.00	\$2,358.08	\$6,535.08	\$8,700
4/20/2025	\$7,345.00	\$3,744.20	\$11,089.20	\$8,700
Average Weekly To-Date FY 2025	\$4,857.94	\$3,797.97	\$8,655.91	\$8,700



April 24, 2025

Dear Father Tomasz,

On behalf of myself and the entire congregation here at the Village Congregational Church, I wish to offer the sincerest condolences on the recent passing of Pope Frances to you and your parish. As was the case for so many Christians and clergy around the world, I found so much to learn from Francis and his pontificate. His deep pastoral concern, and commitment to the lived life of the Gospel, was an example for all of us in positions of Christian responsibility. He will be greatly missed.

Please know that my thoughts and prayers, along with our congregation, are with all of St. Patrick's.

And if there is any way we can be there for you at this time of grief and transition, don't hesitate to let us know. May God bless and keep you all.

Prayerfully yours,  
Rev. Ethan Drutchas, Senior Minister

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## 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.

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](http://www.mystpatrickss.com/summer-programming)*

## YIA CARDBOARD VILLAGE

Please pray for our YIA students as they will be sleeping in cardboard boxes on Friday, May 9. There are two reasons we do this. One, it's a fundraiser for their service trip this summer; two, it teaches them to be humble and to think about those who don't have a bed to sleep in. In every community, there are people without homes, spending their nights out in the cold and elements. This experience allows them to pray for the homeless and show compassion for those who are less fortunate.

We are trying to teach our children that homeless individuals come from various walks of life, facing unique challenges that have led them to their current circumstances. It is important to remember that regardless of people's situations, we are all cherished sons and daughters of God, deserving of love and compassion.

**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.