



st. patrick's

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 18, 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 May 17 - 18

Sat. 4:30 PM + Agnes Beaulieu
By Linda Carter
Sun. 8:00 AM + Patricia Lord (11th Anniv.)
By her Family
10:00 AM + Gloria Therien (Remembrance)
By her Family
5:00 PM + Agnes Beaulieu (1st Anniv.)
By her Family

Week of May 19 - 23

Mon. 8:30 AM + Parishioners of St. Patrick's
Tues. 8:30 AM + Holy Souls in Purgatory
By the Helpers of Holy Souls
Wed. 3:00 PM + Adoration and Divine Mercy
Wed. 4:30 PM + Rob Martinelli (Birthday Rem.)
By Liz Baker
Thurs. and Fri. + No Mass

Weekend of May 24 - 25

Sat.. 4:30 PM + Parishioners of St. Patrick's
Sun. 8:00 AM + Parishioners of St. Patrick's
10:00 AM + Barbara Frates (15th Anniv.)
By her Family
5:00 PM + Sr. Ramona
By Nicki Verploegen

BAPTISM

Benjamin William Hansen
Sunday, May 25 at 11:30 a.m.

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



Our Gospel this week from John 13 begins with Judas abruptly leaving the last supper. The disciples had just had their feet washed by Jesus (presumably, Judas included), and they were all reclining at dinner. It doesn't appear that any of the disciples thought Judas would betray Jesus, and Judas' sudden exit from the supper aroused little suspicion. According to John, the disciples thought that perhaps Jesus had sent Judas out to get more food for their feast. It's not the first time the disciples had completely misread what was playing out before them in Jesus' presence. It wouldn't be the last.

Actually, we know that the reason Judas left so abruptly was because Jesus had signaled to him that he was aware of the betrayal which had been lurking in Judas' heart. John tells us that Jesus turned to Judas and said, "*What you are going to do, do quickly*" (John 13:27).

Personally, my feelings on Judas have evolved over the years. In my youth, I thought that maybe Judas got a bad rap because, if Jesus' death and resurrection was necessary for the salvation of humanity, and if Judas played a key role in facilitating a part of this, why should he be so reviled? Over time, I realized that history may have vilified Judas, but Jesus did not. I imagine that Jesus would have been heartbroken at how things turned out with Judas.

When we read the little bit of the Gospels where Judas is mentioned, you can kind of get a sense of the anger and anguish which plagued Judas' heart. While the washing of the disciples' feet by Jesus was intended to be an illustration of how they/we should care for one another, we can easily imagine Judas being disgusted by the whole display; his version of the Messiah was more warrior than servant. Judas' anger infected his own dreams of what a Messiah would look like, and for Judas and those like him, it was less about salvation and perhaps more about retribution. With all that brewing, the foot washing may very well have been the last straw for Judas.

I used to think that it wasn't fair that the crush of the weight of inevitability found itself resting uncomfortably on Judas' shoulders. It doesn't seem like Judas needed additional motivation to help nudge him toward betrayal. But maybe Judas' role wasn't so inevitable. We've had the benefit of time to cast our beliefs onto what happened those 2000 plus years ago. As biographer and historian William Manchester said, "Only time can sort out events. It is then, in perspective, that patterns emerge." Judas had a choice. Does calling Jesus' collision course with the world around him inevitable minimize lessons we might learn from Judas' struggle to make the right choice?

Jesus had a choice, and in the face of some painful truths, Jesus chose to love. Is it possible that Judas' betrayal was not the most painful part of that night for Jesus? Could it have been that, despite everything he had said and done, for Judas and those like him, it wouldn't be enough. Perhaps when Jesus said, "*What you are going to do, do quickly*" (John 13:27), it wasn't for his own sake, but for Judas.

This is where our Gospel today picks up. Jesus' resolve was strengthened after Judas left, not out of anger, but out of love. In only two verses of today's Gospel, Jesus uses the word *glory* five times. The cross was the only thing that could possibly free men like Judas, so blinded by shame and fear. It was the only thing left for Jesus to give; he had to give it all, and maybe the loss of Judas was fresh on his mind.

Still, I imagine that Jesus might have hoped that Judas would have stayed with him for a little longer at dinner that night, not so he might avoid what was coming, but that he could spend more time loving his betrayer, his wayward friend, Judas.

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SECOND ANNUAL
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MEMORIAL DAY
PANCAKE
BREAKFAST

St. Patrick's Parish Center

7 East Street | Whitinsville

May 26, 2025 8 A.M. – 10 A.M.

Pancakes Scrambled Eggs Sausage

Fruit Baked Goods

Juice Coffee/Tea Water

Veterans Eat Free

Adults \$12 Seniors \$10

Children 8 and Under \$6

50/50 Raffle





The 2025/26 Partners in Charity Campaign is underway...

This year, our parish goal is \$50,000.

So far we have raised **\$24,082** with **69 donors** contributing.

We can reach our goal with *your* help!
Please prayerfully consider donating to this worthy cause.
There are envelopes at the church entrances for
your convenience.

Upcoming Collections

May 25: Air Conditioning June 1: Catholic Communications June 8: Building Fund

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
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
4/27/2025	\$3,510.00	\$1,973.27	\$5,483.27	\$8,700
5/4/2025	\$7,104.00	\$7,873.94	\$14,977.94	\$8,700

Average Weekly To-Date FY 2025	\$4,882.89	\$3,860.51	\$8,743.40	\$8,700
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Don't Forget to Vote

Tuesday, May 20th is voting day in Northbridge! The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the high school.

There will be a vote for a new Senior Center and community-use space on Cross Street. Also, there is another vote is for a \$4.9 million dollar override for the school system.

We are encouraging everyone who is a registered voter in town to get out and make their voices heard.

If you have any questions about the election, please call the Town Clerk's office at 508-234-2001.

A Note From the Knights

THANK YOU to all the parishioners who have so generously contributed to the Knights of Columbus #365 Mumford Council **BABY SHOWER**.

Your support will go a long way helping the young mothers at Problem Pregnancy in Worcester who have chosen to keep their babies.

Thanks again,
The K of C, Mumford Council
Whitinsville



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.mystpatricks.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!

Parishioner Spotlight

Thank you to three of our senior students who devoted their senior projects to helping St. Patrick Parish and our community.

Danielle Chrabaszcz

Spring Craft Day for kids

Kaia Gibson

Grades 2-4 letters to veterans

Lily Simoneau

Donations for John 21

You all had amazing ideas, and we are so grateful for your leadership. Thank you!

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.