



st. patrick's

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

LOVE GOD. LOVE ONE ANOTHER. GROW DISCIPLES.



THE ADVOCATE

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 25, 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 May 24 - 25

Sat. 4:30 PM + Frank & Joyce Salatiello (Remem.)
By a Friend
Sun. 8:00 AM + Parishioners of the Parish
10:00 AM + Barbara Frates (15th Anniv.)
By her Family
5:00 PM + Sr. Ramona
By Nicki Verploegen

Week of May 26 - 30

Mon. 8:30 AM + Parishioners of the Parish
Tues. 8:30 AM + Lucille Roy & Mary Susienka
By their Family
Wed. 3:00 PM + Adoration and Divine Mercy
Wed. 4:30 PM + Parishioners of the Parish
Thurs. 6:30 PM + Ascension
Fri. No Mass

Weekend of May 31 - June 1

Sat. 4:30 PM + Robert & Sis McConnell
By their Family
Sun. 8:00 AM + Armand Boulanger (7th Anniv.)
By his Family
10:00 AM + David Glendenning
By Mary & Ken Glendenning
5:00 PM + Byron Dean
By Susan & Frank Strom

BAPTISMS

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

Aurora Claire Aquiar
Sunday, June 1 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.

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Reflections:



Dear friends, I wanted to share with you Pope Leo's homily from last Sunday's Inauguration Mass in St. Peter's Square.

Brothers and Sisters,

I greet all of you with a heart full of gratitude at the beginning of the ministry that has been entrusted to me. Saint Augustine wrote:
-“Lord, you have made us for yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in you” (Confessions, I: 1,1).

In these days, we have experienced intense emotions. The death of Pope Francis filled our hearts with sadness. In those difficult hours, we felt like the crowds that the Gospel says were “like sheep without a shepherd” (Mt 9:36). Yet on Easter Sunday, we received his final blessing and, in the light of the resurrection, we experienced the days that followed in the certainty that the Lord never abandons his people, but gathers them when they are scattered and guards them “as a shepherd guards his flock” (Jer 31:10).

In this spirit of faith, the College of Cardinals met for the conclave. Coming from different backgrounds and experiences, we placed in God's hands our desire to elect the new Successor of Peter, the Bishop of Rome, a shepherd capable of preserving the rich heritage of the Christian faith and, at the same time, looking to the future, in order to confront the questions, concerns and challenges of today's world. Accompanied by your prayers, we could feel the working of the Holy Spirit, who was able to bring us into harmony, like musical instruments, so that our heartstrings could vibrate in a single melody.

I was chosen, without any merit of my own, and now, with fear and trembling, I come to you as a brother, who desires to be the servant of your faith and your joy, walking with you on the path of God's love, for he wants us all to be united in one family.

Love and unity: these are the two dimensions of the mission entrusted to Peter by Jesus.

We see this in today's Gospel, which takes us to the Sea of Galilee, where Jesus began the mission he received from the Father: to be a “fisher” of humanity in order to draw it up from the waters of evil and death. Walking along the shore, he had called Peter and the other first disciples to be, like him, “fishers of men”. Now, after the resurrection, it is up to them to carry on this mission, to cast their nets again and again, to bring the hope of the Gospel into the “waters” of the world, to sail the seas of life so that all may experience God's embrace.

How can Peter carry out this task? The Gospel tells us that it is possible only because his own life was touched by the infinite and unconditional love of God, even in the hour of his failure and denial. For this reason, when Jesus addresses Peter, the Gospel uses the Greek verb “agapáo,” which refers to the love that God has for us, to the offering of himself without reserve and without calculation. Whereas the verb used in Peter's response describes the love of friendship that we have for one another.

Consequently, when Jesus asks Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?” (Jn 21:16), he is referring to the love of the Father. It is as if Jesus said to him, “Only if you have known and experienced this love of God, which never fails, will you be able to feed my lambs. Only in the love of God the Father will you be able to love your brothers and sisters with that same ‘more’, that is, by offering your life for your brothers and sisters.”

Peter is thus entrusted with the task of “loving more” and giving his life for the flock. The ministry of Peter is distinguished precisely by this self-sacrificing love, because the Church of Rome presides in charity and its true authority is the charity of Christ. It is never a question of capturing others by force, by religious propaganda or by means of power. Instead, it is always and only a question of loving as Jesus did.

The Apostle Peter himself tells us that Jesus “is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, and has become the cornerstone” (Acts 4:11). Moreover, if the rock is Christ, Peter must shepherd the flock without ever yielding to the temptation to be an autocrat, lording it over those entrusted to him (cf. 1 Pet 5:3). On the contrary, he is called to serve the faith of his brothers and sisters, and to walk alongside them, for all of us are “living stones” (1 Pet 2:5), called through our baptism to build God's house in fraternal communion, in the harmony of the Spirit, in the coexistence of diversity. In the words of Saint Augustine: “The Church consists of all those who are in harmony with their brothers and sisters and who love their neighbour” (Serm. 359,9).

Brothers and sisters, I would like that our first great desire be for a united Church, a sign of unity and communion, which becomes a leaven for a reconciled world.

In this our time, we still see too much discord, too many wounds caused by hatred, violence, prejudice, the fear of difference, and an economic paradigm that exploits the Earth's resources and marginalizes the poorest. For our part, we want to be a small leaven of unity, communion and fraternity within the world. We want to say to the world, with humility and joy: Look to Christ! Come closer to him! Welcome his word that enlightens and consoles! Listen to his offer of love and become his one family: in the one Christ, we are one. This is the path to follow together, among ourselves but also with our sister Christian churches, with those who follow other religious paths, with those who are searching for God, with all women and men of good will, in order to build a new world where peace reigns!

This is the missionary spirit that must animate us; not closing ourselves off in our small groups, nor feeling superior to the world. We are called to offer God's love to everyone, in order to achieve that unity which does not cancel out differences but values the personal history of each person and the social and religious culture of every people.

Brothers and sisters, this is the hour for love! The heart of the Gospel is the love of God that makes us brothers and sisters. With my predecessor Leo XIII, we can ask ourselves today: If this criterion “were to prevail in the world, would not every conflict cease and peace return?” (Rerum Novarum, 21).

With the light and the strength of the Holy Spirit, let us build a Church founded on God's love, a sign of unity, a missionary Church that opens its arms to the world, proclaims the word, allows itself to be made “restless” by history, and becomes a leaven of harmony for humanity.

Together, as one people, as brothers and sisters, let us walk towards God and love one another.

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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



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The 2025/26 Partners in Charity Campaign is underway!

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

So far we have raised \$30,552 with 73 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. You may also donate by going to**

www.partners-charity.net/donate

Upcoming Collections

May 29: Ascension

June 1: Catholic Communications

June 8: Building Fund

June 15: John 21 Community Breakfast

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
4/13/2025	\$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
5/11/2025	\$4,885.00	\$3,101.46	\$7,986.46	\$8,700

Average Weekly To-Date FY 2025	\$4,882.95	\$3,839.99	\$8,722.94	\$8,700
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St. Patrick's John 21 Community Garden

The John 21 Community Garden season has begun. Garden beds have been prepared and we will be planting soon. We currently have 13 volunteers in our **Garden Gang** but we are always looking for new members to water plants, weed the beds and harvest produce.

If you are interested, simply log on to mystpatrick.com, click on **Home** then **John 21 Community Garden** then **Signup**. You will see a list of dates from May 19, 2025 through Sep 30, 2025 for which you can sign up. If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact John Zywie (AKA **Mr. Green Jeans!**) at jzywie@gmail.com.

Plants are still needed. Drop off at the garden or the rectory.

Tomatoes

Bell Peppers

Cauliflower

Zucchini

Cucumbers

Squash

Green Beans

Yellow Beans

Broccoli



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.mystpatrick.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!

Give Hope to the Homeless

The Blackstone Valley Emergency Shelter has received requests from local police departments for gas cards to provide to those without homes in our community. If you are able to help, donations of \$20 gift cards from Crystal Gas in Whitinsville on Church Street are being requested. You may also go to www.bvemercencyshelter.org/donate or use the QR code below. 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.