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ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
JUNE 15, 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 June 14 - 15

Sat. 4:30 PM + Joanne & John Robinson
By their Family
Sun. 8:00 AM + Mary Kathleen Feen
By her Family
10:00 AM + Daniel Wrixon
By Joyce Burns & Mary Query
5:00 PM + Gerald Bacon
By Barbara & Lisa Bacon

Week of June 16 - 20

Mon. 8:30 AM + Parishioners of St. Patrick's
Tues. 8:30 AM + Holy Souls in Purgatory
By Helpers of the Holy Souls
Wed. 3:00 PM + Adoration & Divine Mercy
Wed. 4:30 PM + Marie Guyette
By her daughter, Nancy
Thurs. + Fri. + No Mass

Weekend of June 21 - 22

Sat. 4:30 PM + Louie Burgos (Remembrance)
By The Deiana Family
Sun. 8:00 AM + Parishioners of St. Patrick's
10:00 AM + Peter & Theresa Labby
By their Family
5:00 PM + Myles Hibbard (Remembrance)
By The Saksa Family

The Mass book is open for the months June 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:



This weekend we celebrate The Most Holy Trinity; God the Father, God the Son and God the Spirit. As a boy in Catholic School, we were taught that there was one God, and God exists in three distinct persons, but still was one God. I could never really grasp the concept of Jesus and God as one being when I was a child. How could a father and son be the same person? I was an inquisitive child when it came to spiritual matters (still am!), but the answers I got from my teachers, priests, and sisters offered no real clarity. Perhaps, I was asking the wrong questions. I've grown to be ok with this mystery, because when it comes to complex theological questions, I think less is best.

In paragraph II, of article I, of chapter I, of section II, of part I of the Catechism of The Catholic Church, called, *The Profession of Faith*; line 234 says...

The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of Christian faith and life.

It also states that,

The Most Holy Trinity is the most fundamental and essential teaching in the "hierarchy of the truths of faith". (Vatican Website)

It goes on in more detail and explanation about the mystery of the Most Holy Trinity but to me, I'm good! You had me at *mystery*. I'll take a plate of mystery any day of the week, with a side of question and drizzled with uncertainty. To me, that's a recipe for spiritual growth if there ever was one. How can God work in our lives if we think we know the answers? When there is mystery, there is usually some sort of exploration. Great things happen when we approach spiritual matters with 'I don't know.'

St Ignatius of Loyola (1491-1556), in his autobiography, tells a story of living in a Dominican monastery and, while contemplating the mysteries of the Blessed Trinity, he was swept away by a vision, that 'carried him beyond the earth.' In his vision, St Ignatius beheld the Blessed Trinity as different strings, or tones, of a harp. He was so overwhelmed with emotion by this vision that he couldn't stop weeping. (catholicsaints.info)

Would St Ignatius' vision have happened if he'd had a clear understanding of the Blessed Trinity? Or did the mystery of it provide fertile soil, allowing for his interpretive vision? Perhaps St Patrick was contemplating the mystery of the Trinity when he held a shamrock for the first time? Or maybe it was the other way around, and he was so moved by the beauty of Ireland that he began to see God everywhere. No one knows.

I'm ok with not knowing. I'm ok with giving God some extra room in which to work. Not that God needs it. Probably more like God loves me so much, he lets me think that I'm giving him extra room to work with.

So, let's embrace not having all the answers. For some of us, it can be hard to hand over control like that, but how much control do we really think we have? The more certainty we have, the less faith we need; the less faith we need, the less faith we have.

Our faith journey is a process. Sometimes, the more we think we know, the less we actually know. So, if *mystery* is a central part of our faith, it seems to me that we have an excellent road map for our journey; God is the destination, Jesus is the way, the rest is blank. It's up to us to chart our course.

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!

This morning, OLV celebrated the Graduation Mass for the Class of 2025; it was a beautiful Mass, said by Father Nick Desimone, during which he encouraged our graduates to understand that they are: Loved at home. Loved at School. Loved by God. and to reflect God's love everywhere that they go. He advised them to especially know God's enduring love for them, and he asked that they continue to love, continue to pray and continue to learn. And they should never forget their faith foundation, learned at OLV, as they go forth. In this way, they will always "wear the OLV uniform."

Before departing, our graduate speakers spoke with deep affection about their school, their teachers and their families. Towards the end of the Mass, the departing families presented a beautiful wooden frieze of The Last Supper to be displayed at the school and shared a slide show with all in the Parish Hall. It was a wonderful way to end the school year for these outstanding eighth graders. During the Mass, the eighth graders handed off two candles to seventh grade representatives, signifying that they were handing over the student leadership of the school and the school's commitment to service to them. It is our hope and prayer that this next group of students meets this high bar of expectation set by the Class of 2025.

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.

St. Patrick's John 21 Community Garden

The John 21 Community Garden season has begun and garden beds have been planted. 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, visit www.mystpatricks.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. Water is available in the garden area.

If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact John Zywiec (AKA **Mr. Green Jeans!**) at jzywiec@gmail.com.



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The 2025 Partners in Charity Campaign is underway!

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

So far we have raised \$35,990 with 88 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

June 22: Air Conditioning
July 6: Utilities

June 29: Holy Father-Peter's Pence
July 13: Audio Visual Ministry

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
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
5/18/2025	\$3,433.00	\$3,521.92	\$6,954.92	\$8,700
5/25/2025	\$3,294.00	\$1,539.12	\$4,833.12	\$8,700
6/1/2025	\$5,627.00	\$8,506.12	\$14,133.12	\$8,700
Average Weekly To-Date FY 2025	\$4,825.58	\$3,891.17	\$8,716.75	\$8,700

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. The registration fee is \$150.00.



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 friendship 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. The registration fee is \$40.00.

To register for YIA Jr. or Scuba VBS, please visit
www.mystpatrickss.com/summer-programming

Faith Formation Registration

Registration for 2025/2026 **Faith Formation** is now open. Classes begin in the Fall for children ages pre-school through 12th grade. Communications for classes will come through Flocknotes so please make sure you fill out the registration form. If you have any questions, please contact Shelly at shelly@mystpatrickss.com or at the rectory by calling 508-234-5656.

To register for Faith Formation classes in the Fall, please visit
www.mystpatrickss.com/spstudentsregistration

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!

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, an earthly father. Bless all fathers as they care for their families. Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness, and patience; support them in the work they must do, protecting those who look to them, as we look to you for love and salvation, through Jesus Christ our rock and defender. In Your Holy name, O God, we pray. Amen!

"As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him."

~ Psalm 103:13

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.