

15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 13, 2025

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#### masses a 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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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 schebule

#### Weekend of July 12 - 13

Sat. 4:30 PM + Thomas Parker By his Family

Sun. 8:00 AM + Parishioners of St. Patrick's

10:00 AM + Barbara Brochu (10th Anniv.) & Walter Pieleski (9th Anniv.)

By The Pieleski & Brochu Family

5:00 PM + William LaVallee By his Family

### Week of July 14 - July 18

Mon. 8:30 AM + Communion Service

Tues. 8:30 AM + Communion Service

Wed. 3:00 PM + No Adoration or Divine Mercy

Wed. 4:30 PM + Parishioners of St. Patrick's

Thurs. + Fri. + No Mass

### Weekend of July 19 – 20

Sat. 4:30 PM + Patricia Morrissey (1st. Anniv.)

By her Family

Sun. 8:00 AM + Collette Pereault

By her Family

10:00 AM + Gary Trottier

By Daily Mass Attendees

5:00 PM + Karin Driscoll-Stanley

By Friends

The Mass book is open for the months July through September. 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:

In our first reading this week from Deuteronomy, Moses tells the Israelites, "If only you would heed the voice of the Lord, your God, and keep his Commandments..." Moses is near the end of his life, and perhaps his people are feeling uneasy and uncertain of what will happen after Moses is gone. But Moses is trying to keep them focused on the only thing that matters; their relationship with God. Keeping the commandments that God had given them through Moses was the vehicle which would lead them to prosperity in the new Promised Land. Moses wanted them to keep their relationship with God at the center of their lives, and obeying the commandments and the other Levitical laws was the way for them to do that.

That was something like over 3,000 to 3,500 years ago! Doing the right thing can be hard in any millennia. Keeping every commandment isn't always easy, and there were another 600 or so Mosaic laws on top of that. But, it was the law that they had. God was revealing himself to his people, and the Mosaic law were the instructions for how God expected them to live their lives. For those who failed, there'd be rituals and sacrifices that would need to be made in order to properly atone and restore the relationship with God.

I'm not sure about you, but if I were alive at that time, I would've been in a constant state of atonement. I don't know that I'd have time for anything else because I'd be at the sacrificial altar all day trying to make up for all the Mosaic laws I'd broken. How would I truly know the depth of God's love for me, if I was spending all that time trying to patch up the holes I'd made in my relationship with him?

That's what's so amazing about Jesus; Jesus *is* God revealing himself to us! Jesus is God saying that he wants us to know how much he loves us. Jesus is God telling us that his sacrifice on the cross is enough sacrifice for all time! Jesus is God telling us that we no longer need to busy ourselves patching the tears we've made in our relationship with him. Nothing we do will change how much God loves us.

Jesus *is* the new Mosaic law, and his life is our path toward realizing our spiritual potential and fulfillment. The parable of the Good Samaritan outlines the basic principles of Jesus' teaching; love and compassion given freely and always. This isn't a requirement in receiving God's love, it's a way to experience God's grace, and ultimately it's the only thing that leads to true joy.

Just like the Mosaic law, the way of Jesus isn't always easy. People can be difficult, and life can be scary. Sometimes, our fear can lead to anger and resentment which can lead us away from God. It's important to know that God is always with us.

Turn to God always, especially when times are tough. The more we need God, the more he is there.

Chris



# Beer & Dynamite Blast!

The Evening of the Annual Northbridge Fireworks July 19, 5-9 pm St. Patrick's Parish Lawn 7 East Street

Dynamite sandwiches, beer, hot dogs & more

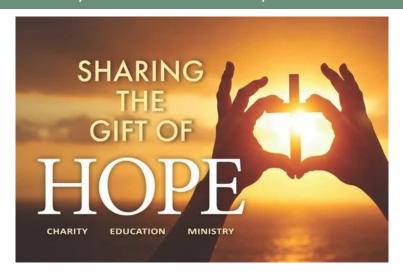
Take-out containers available

For more information: Call 508-234-5656 or visit

https://mystpatricks.com

All are invited to view the fireworks from St. Patrick's garden lawn on Cross Street. Bring your own chairs. No alcohol on garden premises.





# The 2025 Partners in Charity Campaign is underway!

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

So far we have raised \$40,760 with 105 donors contributing.

We can reach our goal with *your* help!

Please prayerfully consider donating to this worthy cause.

There are envelopes in pews and at church entrances.

# **Upcoming Collections**

July 20: Air Conditioning July 27: Youth in Action August 3: John 21 Breakfast

#### To Give a Contribution:

**Text** the word **mystpatricks** 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.

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For **VENMO** accounts, search business for: @mystpatricks



**Also**, please consider St. Patrick Parish for a Charitable Bequest as part of your estate planning.

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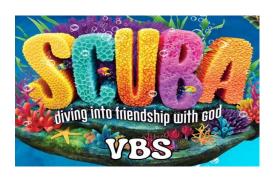
Week	Weekly Envelopes & Cash	Weekly Online	Weekly Total	Goal
6/1/2025	\$5,627.00	\$8,506.12	\$14,133.12	\$8,700
6/8/2025	\$4,145.00	\$1,913.36	\$6,058.36	\$8,700
6/15/2025	\$3,773.00	\$3,313.45	\$7,086.45	\$8,700
6/22/2025	\$3,341.00	\$3,040.47	\$6,381.47	\$8,700
6/29/2025	\$4,278.00	\$1,912.60	\$6,190.60	\$8,700

Average Weekly To-Date FY 2025	\$4,848.11	\$3,785.84	\$8,633.95	\$8,700	
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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. 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.mystpatricks.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. The registration fee is \$260.00. If you have any questions, please contact Shelly at shelly@mystpatricks.com or at the rectory by calling 508-234-5656.

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

# 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

**GriefShare - Coming in September:** Grief is a journey no one should have to walk alone. If you've experienced loss, GriefShare offers a safe and caring space to share your—story, find support, and gently explore where God may lead you next. Join our GriefShare Ministry for meaningful conversation, encouragement, and hope. Whether you're ready to talk or just want to listen, you are welcome here. You are not alone. Let's walk this journey together. — "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit." — Psalm 34:18

New Prayer Group Starting! We are launching a new prayer group focusing on intercessory prayer for our parish, ministries, and community. We will meet every Wednesday at 9am in the chapel. We invite you to join us as we pause, come together, and seek God's will for us as individuals and as a congregation. We believe that prayer changes things, so beginning Wednesday, September 3, these 30-minute weekly prayers will allow us to spend time together in God's presence. We'll be praying specifically for our ministries, asking God to bless us with wisdom and growth. Come expectant — you'll be blessed.

All are welcome!

## 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.