



16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 20, 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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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.

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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 Friends

5:00 PM + Karin Driscoll-Stanley

By Friends

Week of July 21 - July 25

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 26 - 27

Sat. 4:30 PM + Adrien Desmarais (22nd Anniv.)

By Family

Sun. 8:00 AM + Dan & Mary Lou Mioduszweski

By Friends

10:00 AM + Florence Canrelli

By Friends

5:00 PM + Steve Sonia

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





Martha and Mary: Listening and Serving with Love

In the Gospel of Luke, we encounter the beloved story of Martha and Mary, two sisters who welcome **Jesus** into their home. Luke tells us, "Martha, burdened with much serving, came to him and said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving?" (Luke 10:40). Martha's hospitality is generous and good, but her heart is troubled. Mary, meanwhile, "sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak" (Luke 10:39). This moment highlights something essential for every Catholic: our activity must flow from a heart rooted in Christ.

Jesus gently responds to Martha with love and clarity: "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her" (Luke 10:41–42). He doesn't scold Martha for serving, but He redirects her heart. Mary chose to be still, to listen, and to make Jesus her priority. In our busy lives, we often resemble Martha — rushing, organizing, caring for others — yet Jesus reminds us that the better part is found at His feet.

This Gospel passage invites Catholics to a life of balance — action and contemplation, service and silence. We are called to be like Martha in our love and care for others, but also like Mary in our devotion and attentiveness to the Lord. The Eucharist, our source and summit, draws us into both: we sit at the feet of **Jesus** in prayer, and we are then sent out to serve. May we, like Martha and Mary, welcome Christ into our homes and hearts, offering Him both our work and our stillness, our hands and our attention.

God Bless, Deacon Chris

Dear Parishioners, we ask that you pray to our most compassionate Father, lifting all those affected by the Texas flooding. Pray to the Lord, to comfort those who've lost homes, possessions, or loved ones, surrounding them with His peace. Also pray to the Lord for protection and strengthen of the first responders working tirelessly in flood conditions, asking our Father to bless their families who worry about them. Please remember to pray for the Texas animals affected by the devasting floods. Pray to the Lord to guide rescuers to stranded pets and livestock, asking God to bless veterinarians and volunteers caring for creatures in distress.

"Heavenly Father, we come before you with heavy hearts as we lift up the victims of the Texas floods. We ask for your mercy and grace during this difficult time. Provide comfort to those who have lost loved ones, homes, and hope. Lord, grant strength to the first responders and volunteers who selflessly help in recovery efforts. May your love surround all those affected, bringing healing and restoration. Help us to show compassion and support in any way we can. We trust in your goodness and pray for brighter days ahead. Amen."

"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. Protect these brave men and women as they serve others in peril. Amen." – from Isaiah 43:2

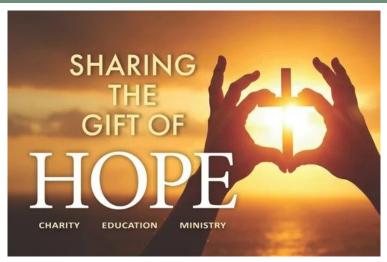
N.A.C. Backpack & School Supplies Drive Can you help?

As Northbridge students ready for the upcoming school year we are asking for your help again this year. Like years prior, it will be a challenge for some families to provide their children with the necessary school supplies to enjoy a successful school experience. But we are sure people in our community will want to help. St. Patrick's, along with the other churches in town, is on a mission to help local junior and senior high school students in need of school supplies. Each year NAC member churches donate the filled backpacks to the Department of Children & Families in Whitinsville.

<u>Deadline for donating is August 18th.</u> Any and all donations of backpacks, notebooks, binders, pens, pencils, paper, etc. will be greatly appreciated. You may leave your donations in the box at the entrances to St. Patrick Church.

School Supplies Needed:

Backpack, Hand Wipes, Colored Pencils, Pens: Red & Blue, Box of Tissues, 3 Ring Binder, Pencils, Glue Sticks, Packaged lined paper, Pencil Box, Hand Sanitizer, Packaged Plain Paper, Pink Eraser, Washable Markers, Water Paint Set, 6 Pocket Folders, Elmer's White Glue, 4 Notebooks, Crayons, Pencil School School Sharpener, Ruler, Highlighters, Scissors



The 2025 Partners in Charity Campaign is underway!

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

So far we have raised \$41,260 with 107 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 27: Youth in Action August 3: John 21 Community Breakfast

August 10: Eastern & Central Europe

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.

- OR -

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



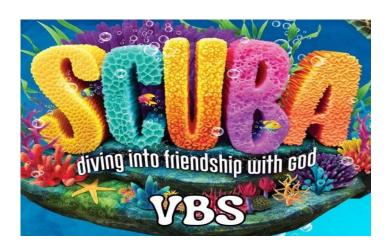
Also, please consider St. Patrick Parish for a Charitable Bequest as part of your estate planning.

OFFERING

Week	Weekly Envelopes & Cash	Weekly Online	Weekly Total	Goal
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
7/6/2025	\$4,757.00	\$750.00	\$5,507.00	\$8,700

Average Weekly To-Date FY 2025	\$4,740.38	\$3,701.71	\$8,442.08	\$8,700	
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Vacation Bible School Registration



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

John 21 Community Garden

If you are interested in volunteering for the John 21 garden, please visit www.mystpatricks.com, click on **Home**, **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 Zywien (AKA Mr. Green Jeans!) at <u>jizywien@gmail.com</u>.

Stay Tuned for our weekly devotion that will be posted on Facebook every Monday. These devotions can serve several valuable purposes:

- **Spiritual Growth:** They provide a consistent opportunity to reflect on spiritual teachings and enhance our relationship with faith.
- Community Building: Regular postings foster a sense of community, allowing us to share thoughts, experiences, and support one another in our spiritual journeys.
- **Encouragement**: They offer encouragement and motivation, helping us stay focused on our spiritual goals and values throughout the week.
- **Education:** Devotions can educate us on various aspects of faith, scripture, and moral lessons, thus deepening our spiritual understanding.
- **Mindfulness:** Taking time for a weekly devotion encourages mindfulness and a break from the busyness of life to focus on what matters most.
- Celebration and Reflection: They provide opportunities to celebrate faith-related events or seasons, as well as time to reflect on personal growth or challenges we face.

We hope to cultivate faith, foster community, and inspire individuals on their spiritual journeys.



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.