




st. patrick's

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

LOVE GOD. LOVE ONE ANOTHER. GROW DISCIPLES.



*Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man
cometh at an hour when ye think not.
Luke 12:40*

19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 10, 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 August 9 - 10

Sat.	4:30 PM	+	Douglas Cook By Lorraine & Ronald Baril
Sun.	8:00 AM	+	Parishioners of St. Patrick's
	10:00 AM	+	William LaVallee (8th Anniv.) By his Family
	5:00 PM	+	Myles Hibbard By his Family

Week of August 11 - August 15

Mon.	8:30 AM	+	Holy Souls in Purgatory By Helpers of the Holy Souls
Tues.	8:30 AM	+	Parishioners of St. Patrick's
Wed.	3:00 PM	+	<i>Adoration & Divine Mercy</i>
Wed.	4:30 PM	+	Danny Saucier (1st Anniv.) By his mom, Doris Saucier
Thurs.		+	No Mass
Fri.	6:30 PM	+	Louis Volpe (28th Anniv.) By The Volpe Family

Weekend of August 16 - 17

Sat.	4:30 PM	+	Antonio Bechard By his wife, Therese
Sun.	8:00 AM	+	Allison Virostek Hopkins By Friends
	10:00 AM	+	Dick Desjardin (birthday remembrance) By his wife, Aline
	5:00 PM	+	Special Intension By The Saksa Family

BAPTISMS

Leo Anthony Kelly
August 10th at 11:30 a.m.

Mila Layne Frustaci
August 17th at 11:30 a.m.

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:



Faith: The Foundation of Our Journey

In Hebrews 11:1–2, 8–12, we encounter a striking reminder of what it means to live by faith. “Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen.” This passage challenges Catholics to rediscover a spiritual lens in a world fixated on tangible results and certainty. The ancients were “commended for it” not because they saw the fulfillment of every promise in their lifetime, but because they believed and lived as if *God’s word was enough. For us, faith isn’t a blind leap — it is a trustful response to a God who has proven Himself time and again, especially through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.*

The example of Abraham highlights the cost and beauty of such faith. Called to an unknown land, promised descendants despite old age and barrenness, Abraham obeyed and set out with no roadmap. Catholics today often find ourselves in similar spiritual territory — called to trust amid uncertainty, to hope when prayers seem unanswered. Yet, as with Abraham and Sarah, our faith is not misplaced. God brings life out of barrenness and purpose out of wandering. The Church herself is the fruit of such faith, built not by human plans but by the trust of saints and sinners who followed God’s call through history.

This passage invites each of us to renew our own faith journey. Whether we’re facing personal struggles, spiritual dryness, or doubts about our place in God’s plan, Hebrews 11 reminds us that we are part of a larger story. We walk the same path as Abraham, Sarah, and the faithful who came before us. Their legacy isn’t one of perfection but of perseverance. As Christians, let us draw courage from their example, live with hope in the unseen, and entrust our lives to the One who is always faithful.

Though the exact identity of the author of Hebrews remains unknown, the depth of theological insight and the eloquent Greek style suggest someone well-versed in both Jewish tradition and early Christian thought. Some early Christians speculated that it may have been Paul, Barnabas, or even Apollos, but the Church has never definitively attributed the letter to any one figure. What is clear, however, is that the author had a profound understanding of the Old Testament and saw in **Jesus Christ** the fulfillment of God’s covenantal promises. The emphasis on faith, especially as illustrated through figures like Abraham and Sarah, reveals the author’s intent to encourage a Christian community likely facing persecution or weariness. By linking their struggles to the broader, ongoing story of salvation, the author of Hebrews offers both comfort and challenge — reminding readers that faith has always been the path through which God works His greatest miracles.

God Bless,
Deacon Chris

Faith Formation Registration

Registration for 2025/2026 **Faith Formation** is 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 per family. Payment plans are available and options include weekly, monthly, quarterly, or a one-time full payment. Payments are accepted online (via our website) by credit/bank card or by check. If writing a check, please note "SP Kids" on the memo line.

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***



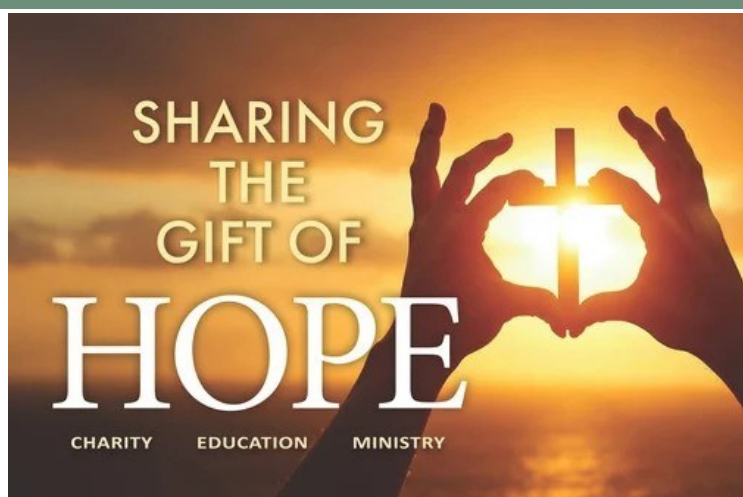
Navigating Loss and Grief – Our GriefShare Ministry is starting on Friday, September 12 at 6:30pm. Find relief and comfort at our GriefShare support group. Each week you'll watch a 30-minute video with insights from grief recovery experts and people who share their personal stories. You'll then spend time sharing with people who get what you're going through (there's no pressure to talk!) and take home a guide with helpful exercises for personal healing. Groups meet for 13 weeks.

Please register online or email sadie@mystpatricks.com to receive a guidebook. All are welcome.

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 Zywiec (AKA **Mr. Green Jeans!**) at jjzywiec@gmail.com.





The 2025 Partners in Charity Campaign is underway!

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

So far we have raised **\$43,674** with **121 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

August 15: Assumption of Mary

August 16/17: Building Fund

August 23/24: Air Conditioning

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
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
7/13/2025	\$4,989.00	\$10,819.11	\$15,808.11	\$8,700
7/20/2025	\$3,394.00	\$2,524.21	\$5,918.21	\$8,700
7/27/2025	\$3,711.00	\$1,953.36	\$5,664.36	\$8,700
Average Weekly To-Date FY 2025	\$4,696.06	\$3,789.03	\$8,485.09	\$8,700

PRAYER FOR OUR YIA Jr. SERVICE WEEK

We are so thankful and grateful for our YIA Jr. after a Service Week on Social Justice. Thanks are given for their opportunities to step outside comfort zones, learn about the needs of others, and offer their time and talents in service. We pray that the seeds of compassion, kindness, and generosity shown during this service week will flourish in their lives. May they remember the faces they met, the stories they heard, and the lessons learned about love and the call to serve. Guidance is requested for these young people as they return to their routines. It is prayed that the experiences of this week will be catalysts for continued spiritual growth and a deeper understanding of their faith. May they integrate what they have learned into their daily lives, showing kindness and service in their homes, schools, and communities. Strength is requested with the Holy Spirit, so they can live out their faith boldly and be a light in the world. It is prayed for their continued growth in wisdom, understanding, and love. May they remember constant presence and draw strength in all circumstances. This prayer is offered in **Jesus'** name, Amen.

'And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him'. — Colossians 3:17



The muffins that you baked for the John 21 Breakfast on August 2nd were a wonderful addition to our normal breakfast menu. Our guests who attended the breakfast were so happy and appreciative of your special gift to them. The guests were touched to know that the muffins came from young people. They also commented about how good the muffins tasted. The members of John 21 Team 6 were honored to present your special treat to our guests. Your efforts and thoughtfulness truly made a difference. Keep up the great work!

The Members of John 21 Team 6

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 Pre-K through 12th students in need of school supplies. Each year NAC member churches donate the filled backpacks to the Department of Children & Families in Whitinsville.

Deadline for donating is August 18th: Any and all donations of backpacks, notebooks, binders, pens, pencils, paper, etc. will be greatly appreciated. You may leave your donations in the boxes by the entrances to St. Patrick's 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 per child, Crayons, Pencil Sharpener, Ruler, Highlighters, Scissors



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;
Captain Robie Sabourin, Army, Middle East

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.