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22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
AUGUST 31, 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 30 – 31

Sat.	4:30 PM	+	William Murphy (2nd Anniv.) By his Family
Sun.	8:00 AM	+	Anne & William Loughlin By The Briand Family
	10:00 AM	+	Robert Casola (remembrance) By his wife, Marie, and Children
	5:00 PM	+	Parishioners of St. Patrick's

#### Week of September 1 – September 5

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	+	<i>Adoration &amp; Divine Mercy</i>
Wed.	4:30 PM	+	Dorothy Skerry (remembrance) By The Bartlett Family
Thurs. + Fri		+	No Mass

#### Weekend of September 6 – 7

Sat.	4:30 PM	+	Leo Brochu (Anniv.) By his Family
Sun.	8:00 AM	+	Parishioners of St. Patrick's
	10:00 AM	+	Ana Afonso (remembrance) By her Family
	5:00 PM	+	Parishioners of St. Patrick's

### BAPTISM

James Ciaran Clarke  
Sunday, September 7 at the 10:00 Mass

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:*



Dear Friends,

It is said that one day St. Francis of Assisi entered the dining room and saw his brothers eating a lavish meal, forgetful of those who are poor. Francis takes the plate of food, mixes it with ashes, and eats seated on the floor. It was a strong lesson in humility.

In today's gospel, Jesus shares a meal with his critics. How do we know that? Luke tells us,

On a sabbath Jesus went to dine  
at the home of one of the leading Pharisees,  
and the people there were observing him carefully.

They were observing him. It does not seem like a friendly crowd. Jesus tells them a parable. The reason why is this,

He told a parable to those who had been invited,  
noticing how they were choosing the places of honor at the table.

In fact, it looks like he tells them two parables. Both parables have to do with table fellowship – that is to say, who eats with whom.

In the early Christian communities, Jews and Gentiles, slaves and free, man and woman, poor and rich, high and low all gathered at the table together to share a meal. “Who sits where” became an issue. Jesus invites his followers to let go of status and embrace humility. Put others first.

For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled,  
but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.

That is to say, don't make yourself the center of attention, the most important person in the room. Rather, be humble. People sometimes say, LIFE IS NOT ABOUT YOU. That is another way to look at today's gospel and humility. We all know what a blessing it is to have people in your life who live by the principle: life is not about me. We do in fact admire those people. We also know how challenging people who think it is all about them can be.

This is not something new. In the book of Sirach (our first reading), the wisdom teacher instructs a child: “My child, conduct your affairs with humility.”

The host of the dinner faces a different challenge: whom to invite. In Jesus' time, you invited those who could and would invite you in return. You never invite poor people because they were in no position to invite you and return the favor. The underlying principle is the same. What is there for me, how will I benefit from inviting you. Again, it is all about me. The list that Jesus is proposing would be unthinkable and unacceptable: the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind. They would never be able to repay you.

In Jesus' mind, everyone is welcomed, and it is not just about me, or you, or anyone. Matthew Kelly defines humility as “thinking about yourself less.” Maybe, just maybe, IT'S ALL ABOUT ME attitude is the original sin that gets us into trouble. And Maybe Jesus speaks so much about humility as IT IS NOT because it is the best cure. I don't know... what do you think?

## END OF SUMMER CHURCH POTLUCK!

Please join us for a Church POTLUCK luncheon at the Fairwoods Christian Recreation Area in Uxbridge. What a great opportunity to showcase your culinary skills, all while enjoying fellowship with your brothers and sisters in Christ. We want to make this an annual gathering, where a potluck becomes a central part of our church experience. People come together over meals. Jesus ate with his disciples. And in our experience, Jesus still shows up at meals today. So please, join us as we celebrate the end of a fantastic summer and the beginning of a wonderful, full season.

**When:** Sunday, September 21

**What time:** 11:30 a.m.

**Where:** Fairwoods Recreation,  
116 West Hartford Avenue, Uxbridge, MA



**What to bring:** *Families*, please bring a main dish and salad (green, pasta, potato.) *Singles*, please bring a side dish or a dessert. Drinks and music will be provided.

We can't wait to see what amazing food you bring to share! Let's make this potluck a memorable gathering filled with *faith and fellowship*!

**Please sign up** in the church foyer or contact Sadie in the office, so we can get an idea of what delicious dishes might be served. Thank you!

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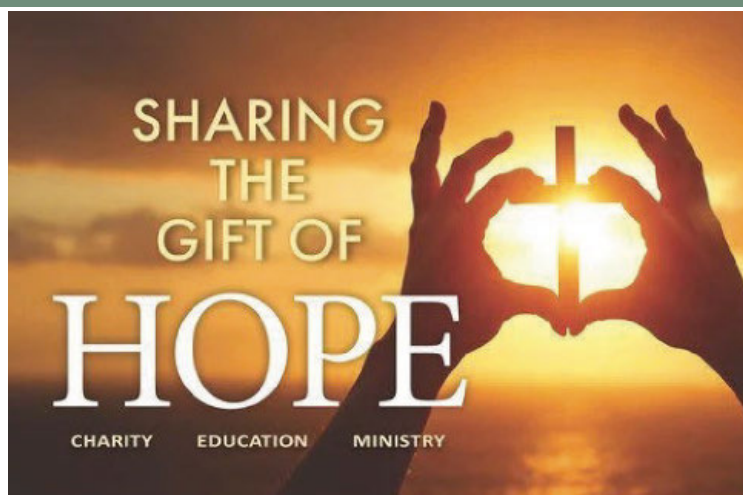
## Faith Formation Registration

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 per family. If you have any questions, please contact Shelly at [shelly@mystpatrick.com](mailto:shelly@mystpatrick.com) or at the rectory by calling 508-234-5656.

**To register for Faith Formation classes in the Fall, please visit**  
[www.mystpatrick.com/spstudentsregistration](http://www.mystpatrick.com/spstudentsregistration)





The 2025 Partners in Charity Campaign is coming to an end.

***This year, our parish goal was \$50,000.***

Due to your generosity, we have been able to raise  
**\$46,100** with **137 donors** contributing.

***THANK YOU to all who helped us get so far!***

### Upcoming Collections

September 7: Audio Visual

September 14: John 21 Breakfast

September 21: Faith Formation

#### 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
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
8/3/2025	\$5,667.00	\$8,600.08	\$14,267.08	\$8,700
8/10/2025	\$3,691.00	\$2,114.12	\$5,805.12	\$8,700
8/17/2025	\$3,693.00	\$3,263.36	\$6,956.36	\$8,700
Average Weekly To-Date FY 2025	\$4,675.73	\$3,840.22	\$8,515.94	\$8,700



## Please pray for the Beginning of a New School Year...

"Gracious God, we come to you at the beginning of this academic year with our feelings, expectations, fears and hopes. Help our St. Patrick's families to remember they have the comforting assurance from you: ***'I will always be with you.'*** Loving God, for many of us this is a time of transition. It is transition from the work and leisure of summer back to the classroom. It is transition from time spent with family and friends. Give us patience with ourselves as we transition as well as patience with one another. Finally, God, give to each member of our community the seven gifts of the Spirit: wisdom, understanding, right judgment, courage, knowledge, reverence, awe, and wonder. Amen."

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Fr. Emmanuel Ogu will be visiting St. Patrick's on September 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>

Dominicans in Africa are currently located in some 25 countries. Our Dominican Province of Nigeria & Ghana is the largest entity on the African continent. We are engaged in a diversity of ministries. Our efforts are very much concentrated in the areas of basic formation and training for the priesthood and religious life; primary evangelization in rural parts of Africa; ongoing Christian formation in the faith through parish ministries; ministry among Muslims; social justice ministries, and health care delivery; chaplaincies and education ministries at all levels. In Nigeria, about 94% of Catholics (more than 30 million Catholics) attend Mass on Sundays, and vocations are booming with more than 25,000 Seminarians who are eager to serve God as priests. However, Christians are extremely persecuted, priests and nuns are incessantly kidnapped, churches are sometimes burnt, along with other forms of persecution. Yet in all these, we are committed to bringing Christ in a relevant way to all the people that we minister unto. In his presentation, our representative will be making reference to these ministerial engagements of ours. We would greatly appreciate your support and encouragement for a successful appeal.



## ***Agape Café***

AGAPE (Love) Café will be re-opening on September 7 after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Come downstairs to the Parish Center to enjoy coffee, donuts, juice, and fruit.

We hope that all will attend — have a great time catching up with old friends and making new friends.

***All are welcome!***



***Please come to  
socialize and enjoy.***

*Thank you*



**Thank you for remembering  
St. Patrick's in you memorial  
and will contributions.**

**A special thank you to the family of  
Joan Steele**

**Who asked for donations to the  
Building Fund.**

**We greatly appreciate your  
generosity in memory of  
your loved one.**

### **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:  
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