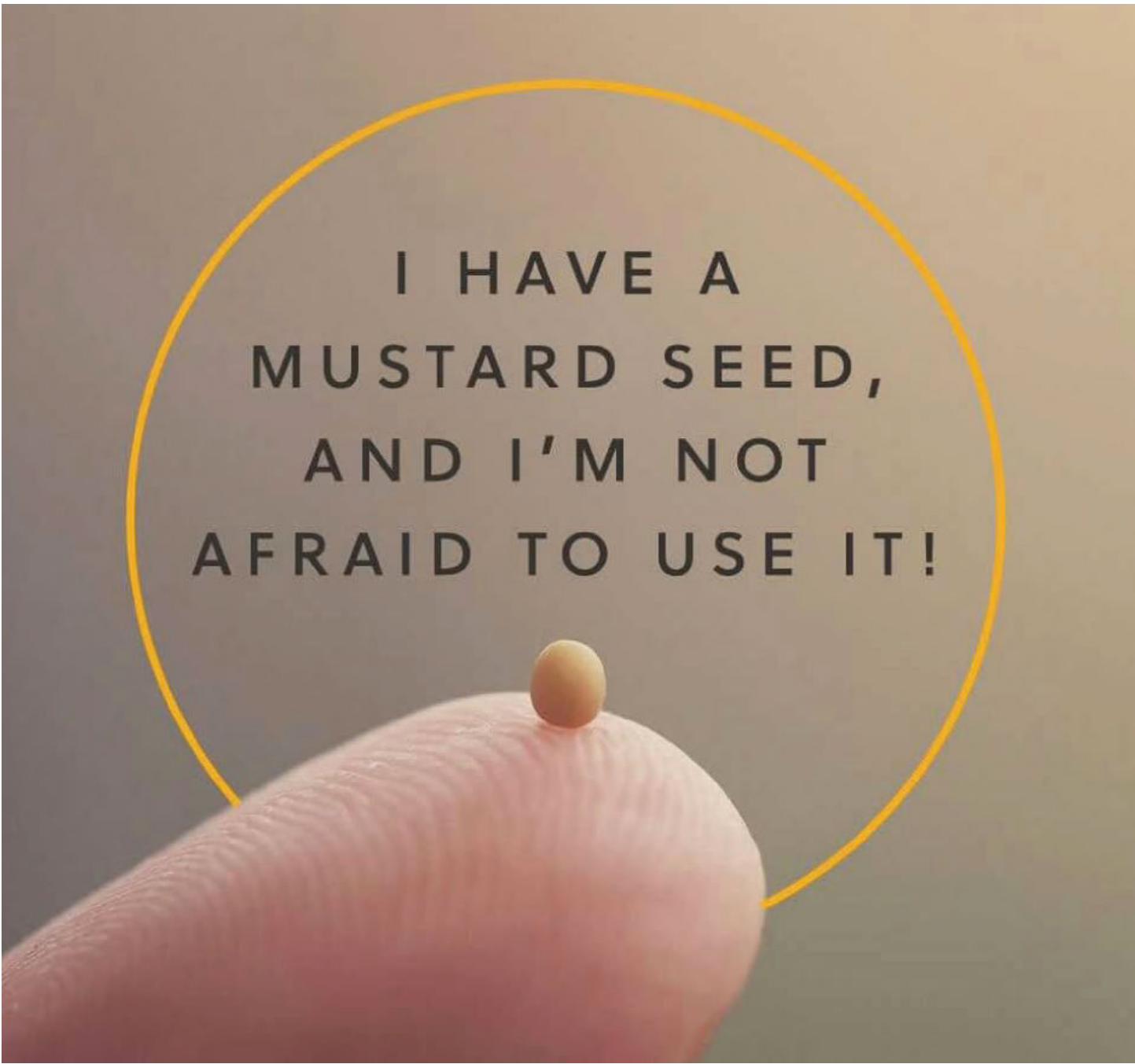




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27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
October 5, 2025

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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 October 4 - 5

Sat.	4:30 PM	+	Jody Sheridan (8th Anniv.) By her Family
Sun.	8:00 AM	+	Parishioners of St. Patrick's
	10:00 AM	+	John Kacmarcik (5th Anniv.) By his Family
	5:00 PM	+	Francis Charpentier By The Saksa Family

Week of October 6 - 10

Mon.	8:30 AM	+	Parishioners of St. Patrick's
Tues.	8:30 AM	+	Holy Souls in Purgatory By Helpers of the Holy Souls
Weds.	3:00 PM	+	Adoration & Divine Mercy
Weds.	4:30 PM	+	Parishioners of St. Patrick's
Thursday + Friday		+	No Mass

Weekend of October 11 - 12

Sat.	4:30 PM	+	Dorothy Harris (11th Anniv.) By her Family
Sun.	8:00 AM	+	Parishioners of St. Patrick's
	10:00 AM	+	Norman Violette (24th Anniv.) By his Family
	5:00 PM	+	Parishioners of St. Patrick's

BAPTISM

Laelynn Rae Lemire
Sunday, October 5 at 11:30 a.m.

The Mass book is open for the months of September through December. 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,

Today's Gospel reading and the parable of the mustard seed has to do with faith. You could say that the Bible rests on faith. The Bible speaks of people of faith as well as people who lack faith or have little faith. The Bible is meant to inspire us and lead us into deeper faith.



What is faith? – Often times faith is misunderstood. Some people say that faith is anti-intellectual; that it settles for easy answers in the world that is very messy and complex. That is what some critics of faith say: “Faith is settling for things for which there is no evidence.” That is why some people dismiss faith all together. But that is not “faith” as you find it in the Bible. Real faith is not below reason or believing without reason.

Because, our ability to think, to reason, to use our intellect is the gift from God and God respects that gift, faith and reason are two sides of the same coin. Faith without reason can be dangerous and lead to superstition and wishful thinking but at the same time real faith often comes into play when reason can't give you an answer; when you are faced WITH MYSTERY. So, what is faith? Faith is an attitude of trust in the presence of God in my life and in the world and openness to what God will do, can do, and desires to do. You cannot predict with accuracy, calculate with precision, dictate what God will do in your life because we are not in charge. That is why trust is essential.

The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith.” When it comes to faith, I don't have to have it all figured out, I don't have to depend only on my own strength and will power. It is more than my own efforts. I don't have to be in control. That is what faith in God is all about.

What else do we learn about faith in today's Gospel. Jesus says, “If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.” That would be something amazing, don't you think? The point is simple. Amazing things can happen if you trust in God, if you entrust your life to God, if you are willing to follow him, learn from him, seek his wisdom. In fact, God wants us to live amazing lives. You and I, we all have faith, but you and I can also grow in faith. What is the next step in your trust in God?

Maybe you are struggling with prayer, or you are coming back to the church, or you just go through the motions, or you need guidance in a relationship, or with a decision, or you experience lack of faith. What is the next step you can take to trust more in God? In what area of your life do you need more trust in God — that is to say, faith-increase?

Peace,

Fr. Tomasz

Prayer for St. Patrick's Ministries

Heavenly Father,

We come before You with hearts full of gratitude and humility, lifting up the ministries of **Your church**. You are the foundation upon which we stand, the light that guides our path, and the strength that sustains us. We acknowledge that every ministry within our parish exists for Your glory and the advancement of Your kingdom.

Lord, we thank You for calling men and women to serve in various capacities within St. Patrick's Parish. Strengthen them when they grow weary, encourage them when they feel discouraged, and remind them that their labor in You is never in vain.

Father, we ask for Your anointing upon every ministry — whether it be preaching and teaching, worship and music, children's and youth ministries, outreach and evangelism, discipleship and small groups, missions and community service, or any other area of service. May each ministry be rooted in Your Word, led by Your Spirit, and driven by a love for You and for people.

We pray for unity among those who serve. Let there be no division. Help us to work together in love, bearing one another's burdens, and encouraging each other in faith. May our ministries reflect the love, grace, and truth of Jesus Christ to a world in need.

Lord, we ask for provision for every church ministry. Provide the financial resources, the materials and most importantly, the people needed to carry out the work You have entrusted to us.

Lord, we commit every ministry into Your hands. May all that we do be done for Your glory and in accordance with Your will. Let Your kingdom come and Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. In the mighty and precious name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen!



YIA Autumn Recycling Event



Please start saving items for the
YIA Autumn Recycling Event
Saturday, October 25th 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

There will be stations for clothing & textiles, accessories,
electronics, books, media, bottles & cans.

More information:

www.mystpatricks.com/recycling-event

All proceeds benefit YIA service projects.

Note: Paper Shredding will NOT be offered at the Autumn Recycling event.

THIS WEEKEND!

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, October 5 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
In the Parish Center

Pancakes & Toppings
Scrambled Eggs Sausage
Juice Tea Coffee

Meals: \$12
Seniors 65+: \$10
Kids 8 and under: \$6

*All proceeds will benefit Rise Against Hunger.
Takeout will be available.*



Upcoming Collections

October 12: Building Fund

October 19: Propagation of Faith

October 26: Utilities

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

OFFERING

Please note that bulletin numbers now reflect Fiscal Year 2026.

Week	Weekly Envelopes	Weekly Online	Weekly Total	Goal
9/7/2025	\$6,078.00	\$3,032.89	\$9,110.89	\$9,300
9/14/2025	\$4,295.00	\$3,698.12	\$7,993.12	\$9,300
9/21/2025	\$3,215.00	\$2,278.27	\$5,493.27	\$9,300
Average Weekly To-Date FY 2026	\$4,529.33	\$3,003.09	\$7,532.43	\$9,300

Crop Walk for Hunger October 25, 2025



Registration is at 8:30 a.m. and the Walk starts at 9 a.m. Starting at the Village Congregational Church in Whitinsville, the approximate 3-mile Walk proceeds down Linwood Avenue, turns right onto Rt. 122, and continues to Uxbridge Common, where light refreshments will be available. Pets are welcome. This is a rain or shine event.

The Blackstone Valley Crop Hunger Walk is being sponsored by the Northbridge Association of Churches, with each church asked to sponsor a team.

It is the only nationwide Walk that addresses hunger both locally and globally, with one-quarter of the funds raised retained locally.

Last year funds were distributed to the Northbridge Food Pantry, Peace of Bread, and St. Patrick's John 21 Community Breakfast.

Join our St. Patrick's Team - Register as an Individual - Make a Donation

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/crophungerwalks/event/blackstonevalleyma>



The month of November in the Catholic tradition is dedicated to praying for our loved ones who have gone before us in death.

A Candlelight Remembrance Service

**will be held on Wednesday, November 5 at 7:00 p.m.
for the deceased members of St. Patrick's Parish.**

There will be cards located at the entrances to the church to write the names down of those who you would like remembered. Once completed, please place these cards on the altar at the various Masses and they will be gathered together for this special Service.

Agape Café

AGAPE (Love) Café is closed this Sunday, October 5 so that the YIA Jr. students can host their pancake breakfast fundraiser. The Café will re-open on Sunday, October 12 after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Please join us in raising funds for Rise Against Hunger, and enjoy a delicious pancake breakfast this week. Takeout is available.

All are welcome!



Come socialize and enjoy fellowship.



Saint
Patrick's
Events
Ministry

HELP NEEDED

The Events Ministry sets up and breaks down tables & chairs, as well as other duties as needed for events. These include funeral bereavements, church events, and fundraisers, just to name a few. This is an opportunity to become involved in some of the many things our parish does. It does not take much time and is an important part of our parish community. *Many hands make light work*, and your help is needed. If you are willing and able to serve in this ministry, please call the rectory or e-mail Sadie@mystpatrickss.com.

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

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