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29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
October 19, 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 18 - 19

Sat.	4:30 PM	+	Josephine Tyler By Margaret Fisette
Sun.	8:00 AM	+	Joseph Pepin, Sr. and Angelina Pepin By Lou and Nancy Pepin
	10:00 AM	+	Phyllis & Donald Blair (remembrance) By The Briand Family
	5:00 PM	+	Parishioners of St. Patrick's

#### Week of October 20 - 24

Mon.	8:30 AM	+	Parishioners of St. Patrick's
Tues.	8:30 AM	+	Parishioners of St. Patrick's
Weds.	3:00 PM	+	<i>Adoration &amp; Divine Mercy</i>
Weds.	4:30 PM	+	Parishioners of St. Patrick's
Thursday + Friday		+	No Mass

#### Weekend of October 25 - 26

Sat.	4:30 PM	+	Parishioners of St. Patrick's
Sun.	8:00 AM	+	Mathew Thompson (birthday remembrance) By his Family
	10:00 AM	+	Dick Desjardin (remembrance) By his wife, Aline
	5:00 PM	+	Parishioners of St. Patrick's

The Mass book is open for the months of October 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:



Prayer is a strange phenomena. I mean, think about it, when we pray; we're talking to someone or some being whose very existence can't be proven by any scientific measure, and yet, we pray fervently for this unknown entity to intervene in a way which has been, and most likely will continue to be, imperceptible to us; and this intervention, we pray, will be delivered to us via some mystical, supernatural back ally communication network.

Like, seriously? Sounds a little crazy, right?

Why would we do such a thing? Why would we bring our most difficult, most painful, most pressing life issues to prayer when we are at our most desperate? We offer up the names of those we love most, even those who are on death's door, in prayer, hoping that God will hear us.

Why?

Why do we do this?

The answer is simple.

We do it because it works. If prayer didn't work, we probably wouldn't do it.

Full disclosure, I have no idea how prayer works. It's a funny thing that, in my own life, the older I've gotten, and the more I've learned, the less certain I am of so many things. But, there are some things that I do feel certain about. Like, if I find a white key on the piano, and play that note together with the black key directly above it, it's probably not going to sound so good to most people. But, if I spread those two keys apart, and then play them together, it's not so bad. In a similar way, a C and an F# played at the same time on a piano doesn't make the sweetest sound. But, put a D underneath, now we're cooking up possibilities! I know these things because I've spent nearly my entire life learning a musical language. I don't know exactly why music moves people, but I know that it does. I know this because I've seen it, and perhaps more convincingly, I've felt it.

I've seen amazing things happen as a result of prayer; in my own life, and in others' lives. Something happens to us when we pray that we will never understand. God is at work in and around us, through us, before us and after us. God is subatomic! Ultra elementary! God is matter and anti-matter. When we spend time with God we are sitting with eternity, and when we talk to God, we're changing our trajectory and opening ourselves to countless positive possibilities. Talking to God always makes things better, even though we can't necessarily see it.

Whenever we have a decision to make, or a difficult conversation to have, God should be there with us, because it is from God that we receive the love, strength and wisdom needed to be our best, most compassionate selves, and making the best, most compassionate decisions.

In our Gospel this week, Jesus tells us another parable about prayer. Jesus wants us to make prayer a central part of our lives. If prayer wasn't an effective way for us to experience God's grace, Jesus wouldn't have taken the time to teach us how to pray. The Gospel of Luke has more accounts of Jesus praying than any other Gospel. Clearly, Luke saw the importance of prayer in his own life.

Can we see the importance of prayer in ours?

-Chris Bilodeau-



# **St. Patrick's Christmas Pageant**

## ***"Just a Little Christmas"***

**Open to all students in grades  
Preschool through 5th**

**Sign Up October 26 at 11:15 a.m.  
in the Parish Center.**

**Rehearsals will be held on Sundays  
from 11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.**

**Dress Rehearsals are December 12/10 and 12/11  
at 6:30 p.m.**

**Pageant is Friday December 12 at 7:00 p.m.**

E-mail Shelly with any questions at [shelly@mystpatrick.com](mailto:shelly@mystpatrick.com).

## YIA Autumn Recycling Event



Please save 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.mystpatrickss.com/recycling-event](http://www.mystpatrickss.com/recycling-event)

\*\*\*All proceeds benefit YIA service projects.\*\*\*

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

The Annual Northbridge Holiday Lights celebration will be held on Saturday, November 29th from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. on the Whitinsville Town Common. St. Patrick's will once again be singing Christmas Carols at the event and all are welcome to join us. If you are interested in singing carols with the choir, just show up at 3:00 p.m. — Chris will have music for everyone! You can contact Chris Bilodeau with any questions at [chris@mystpatrickss.com](mailto:chris@mystpatrickss.com).

Singing isn't your thing? There are lots of other ways to help out at the event! Donations of baked goods, gift/raffle baskets, & toys are needed to support the Northbridge Police toy drive. Volunteers are also needed the day of the event with set up, helping with lines, and clean up. Even an hour of your time is helpful and appreciated. Please e-mail [northbridgeholidaylights@gmail.com](mailto:northbridgeholidaylights@gmail.com) if you are able to help.

### Upcoming Collections

October 26: Utilities

November 1: All Souls

November 2: All Saints

November 9: Heat

#### To Give a Contribution:

Text the word **mystpatrickss** 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:  
**@mystpatrickss**



**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
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
9/28/2025	\$4,173.00	\$6,594.70	\$10,767.70	\$9,300
10/5/2025	\$5,429.00	\$3,073.46	\$8,502.46	\$9,300
Average Weekly To-Date FY 2026	\$4,440.25	\$3,901.00	\$8,341.25	\$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 open after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Come downstairs to the Parish Center to enjoy coffee, donuts, juice, and fruit.

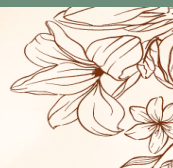
We hope that all will attend. Have a great time catching up with old friends and making new friends.

**All are welcome!**



**Come socialize  
and enjoy  
fellowship.**

Thank you



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

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

**John Arrigan**

**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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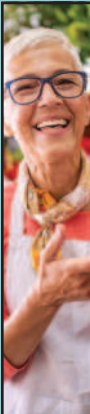
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