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November 23, 2025

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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 rectory for information on receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Matrimony, Sacrament of the Sick, and for home-bound 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 November 22 & 23

Sat. 4:30 PM + Donald Blette (1st Anniv.) and
Brenda Blette (12th Anniv.)
By Linda Carter

Sun. 8:00 AM + Parishioners of St. Patrick's
10:00 AM + Raymond Sotek (remembrance)
By his wife, Claire

5:00 PM + Parishioners of St. Patrick's

Week of November 24-28

Mon. 8:30 AM + Joseph Surrette & Dorothea Giles
(10th Anniversary)
By their Family

Tues. 8:30 AM + Parishioners of St. Patrick's

Weds. 3:00 PM + *Adoration & Divine Mercy*

Weds. 4:30 PM + Eileen & William Hall (Anniversary)
By their Family

Thursday + Friday + No Mass

Weekend of November 29 & 30

Sat. 4:30 PM + Jack Sheridan (7th Anniversary)
By his Family

Sun. 8:00 AM + Parishioners of St. Patrick's
10:00 AM Katie Courville (5th Anniversary)
By her Family

5:00 PM + Ronnie & Ziggy Kulas
By Bernie & Brad Warren and Family

BAPTISM

Salem Rose Bennett
Saturday, November 29 at 4:30 p.m. Mass

The Mass book is open for the months of November through January. 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:

Jesus' Divine Authority



In the closing moments of Jesus' earthly life, when most would expect only despair and defeat, the Gospel of Luke offers one of the clearest revelations of His divine authority.

In Luke 23:35–43, as leaders ridicule Him and soldiers mock His apparent helplessness, Jesus responds not with anger but with mercy: “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” This is not the plea of a powerless victim. It is the command of the Son who possesses the authority to reconcile sinners to the Father — an authority that belongs to God alone.

Amid the noise of insults and disbelief, a surprising figure emerges as a witness to the truth: the repentant thief, traditionally called St. Dismas. While others see only a dying man, he recognizes a King. His request — “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom” — is a profound act of faith. At the very moment when Jesus appears weakest, Dismas sees the strength of a kingdom not built on force but on divine love. His plea reflects the Catholic conviction that faith opens the door to grace even in life's final moments.

Jesus' reply reveals His divine power with unmistakable clarity: “Truly I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.” These words are not symbolic or vague; they are a royal decree. With a single sentence, Christ exercises the authority to forgive, to judge, and to save. Only God can make such a promise. From the Cross — a place of suffering — Jesus speaks with the voice of eternity, offering salvation with certainty and compassion.

For Catholics, this scene is not only a historical moment but a living truth. The same authority that forgave the Good Thief is at work in the sacraments of the Church, especially in Confession and the Eucharist. Jesus' divine power reaches us whenever we turn toward Him in humility, trusting that His mercy is greater than our sin. Like Dismas, we are invited to see beyond appearances and recognize the true King who reigns even in the midst of human suffering.

Ultimately, Luke 23:35-43 shows us that Jesus' authority is revealed most fully in self-giving love. The Cross is not the collapse of His power; it is its fulfillment. In a world that often associates authority with domination, Jesus offers a different model — one rooted in mercy, sacrifice, and the promise of eternal life. Each of us is called to echo the prayer of the Good Thief, turning to Christ with hope and trust, confident that His answer will be the same: an invitation to be with Him forever.

Deacon Chris

Additional raffle tickets & calendars can be found at the entrances of the church and on our website www.mystpatricks.com. Please return by putting tickets & payment in the church collection baskets, drop off at or mail to the rectory. God Bless & good luck!



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Winter Cash Calendar

Over \$2,000 in cash prizes! Calendars \$25 each or 3/\$60

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
December 2025	¹ \$25	² \$25	³ \$25	⁴ \$25	⁵ \$25	⁶ \$25
⁷ \$25	⁸ \$25	⁹ \$25	¹⁰ \$25	¹¹ \$25	¹² Christmas Pageant \$50	¹³ \$25
¹⁴ \$25	¹⁵ \$25	¹⁶ \$25	¹⁷ \$25	¹⁸ \$25	¹⁹ Celtic Christmas Concert \$75	²⁰ \$25
²¹ \$25	²² \$25	²³ \$25	²⁴ \$25	²⁵ Merry Christmas \$250	²⁶ \$25	²⁷ \$25
²⁸ \$25	²⁹ \$25	³⁰ \$25	³¹ GRAND PRIZE \$1,000	¹ Happy New Year!		

One winner daily! You can win more than once! Thank you for your support!



Give Hope to the Homeless



Gift Card Program

For the past eight years, Blackstone Valley Emergency Shelter has been a lifeline on the coldest winter nights. Along with emergency shelter, we provide gift cards that allow those experiencing homelessness to be customers at local restaurants, allowing them to sit down, eat, and power their phones.

2 WAYS YOU CAN HELP!

Donate \$5 Gift Cards to McDonald's, Burger King, or Dunkin Donuts, \$10 Gift Cards to Subway or \$20 Gas Gift Cards.

THANK YOU

As you may have noticed, there are new railings on either side of the altar. Scott Bower worked to get them ready and did a beautiful job. He and his wife, Linda, then came to the church and installed them. Thank you both for volunteering to get that project done for the parish. We appreciate it so much, as well as everything else you both do for us!



St. Patrick's MANGER SET-UP

It's that time of year again! Our manger will be set-up on Saturday, November 29 at 8:00 a.m. If you are able to volunteer, we are always looking for the help. The team will be meeting in the parking lot of the church.

Many hands make light work!

Upcoming Collections

November 30: John 21 Community Breakfast
December 8: Immaculate Conception

December 7: Retired Religious
December 14: Audio/Visual Ministry

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 donations, 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
10/12/2025	\$4,348.00	\$3,398.46	\$7,746.46	\$9,300
10/19/2025	\$3,074.00	\$2,087.51	\$5,161.51	\$9,300
10/26/2025	\$7,059.00	\$2,170.84	\$9,229.84	\$9,300
11/2/2025	\$7,165.50	\$7,911.89	\$15,077.39	\$9,300
11/9/2025	\$4,780.00	\$5,198.31	\$9,978.31	\$9,300
Average Weekly To-Date FY 2026	\$4,726.23	\$4,235.58	\$8,961.80	\$9,300

Pancake Breakfast

Funds raised will help students in Grades 5-8 for their Rise Against Hunger project.

Sunday December 7, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Adults: \$12.00

Seniors 65+: \$10

Children 7 and under: \$6.00



Menu:

Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Juice, Tea & Coffee

Toppings available: Whipped Cream, Ice Cream, Fruit Compote, Chocolate Chips, Powdered Sugar and more.

Rise Against Hunger

Rise Against Hunger is growing a global movement to end hunger by empowering communities, nourishing lives, and responding to emergencies. Targeting remote, last-mile communities within hunger pockets designated serious or higher by the Global Hunger Index, we work with local leaders to harness the strengths of their communities and tackle their own food and nutrition security challenges with agency, dignity, and resilience. Our students, with the help of the community, will pack over 10,152 bags, each containing a vitamin pack, dehydrated vegetables, a soy packet and rice. The bags will then be boxed and put in a container for shipping. The cost of this project is \$4,100, so every breakfast sold helps.

Thank you for your support!

Christmas Presents & Gift Cards

Tags are available on the Christmas Giving Trees in the Sanctuary. There is one tag for each child. We are suggesting 1 clothing item and 1 toy/gift card. For adult tags, please purchase food gift cards. We are not distributing food baskets for Christmas. There are also tags for our Seminarians. If you have any questions, please call the Rectory at 508-234-5656. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Please drop off your presents/gift cards under the Giving Trees at any weekend Mass prior to, and including, the weekend of Sunday 12/14. Your gifts will be distributed to the families the following weekend, Saturday December 20th. This extra week allows us to be sure we have gifts for everyone.

Volunteers are needed to assist with helping bring the presents out to the cars of those receiving presents. This effort is an ideal opportunity for students who are in need of volunteering hours.

Please contact the rectory at 508-234-5656 if you are able to help out. Thank you in advance for helping to making this program a great success every year!



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.*



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@mystpatricks.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 if you are able to and would like to help.

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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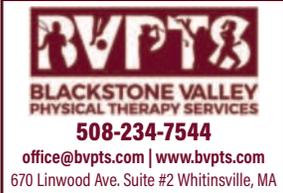
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