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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
November 30, 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 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 29 & 30

Sat.	4:30 PM	+	Jack Sheridan (7th Anniversary) By his Family
Sun.	8:00 AM	+	Catherine M. Sweet By her sisters, Linda & Sheila Poulin
	10:00 AM	+	Katie Courville (5th Anniversary) By her Family
	5:00 PM	+	Ronnie & Ziggy Kulas By Bernie & Brad Warren and Family

Week of December 1 - 5

Mon.	8:30 AM	+	John Arrigan (remembrance) By Judy Trottier
Tues.	8:30 AM	+	Holy Souls in Purgatory By Helpers of the Holy Souls
Weds.	3:00 PM	+	<i>Adoration & Divine Mercy</i>
Weds.	4:30 PM	+	Leonard Skerry (birthday remembrance) By The Bartlett Family
Thursday + Friday		+	No Mass

Weekend of December 6 & 7

Sat.	4:30 PM	+	Steve Desmarais (13th Anniversary) By his Family
Sun.	8:00 AM	+	Remi & Lucille Roy (remembrance) William & Mary Susienka (remembrance) By their Family
	10:00 AM	+	Leo & Helen Narris (remembrance) By Lou & Nancy Pepin
	5:00 PM	+	Maria Avila By the Avila & Ryan Families

BAPTISM

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

The Mass book is open for the months of December 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:

Dear Friends,

In the Nicene Creed (AD 325) Christians have professed for 1700 years what the early Church had proclaimed and believed after the Resurrection of Jesus. Christmas story is at the heart of that belief as we read,



“For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.”

This is what we prepare for every Advent and what we celebrate and recall. We wait with hope, peace, joy and love for Christmas. Since this year 2025 is a 1700th anniversary of this ancient creed, Pope Leo wrote a beautiful apostolic letter to commemorate the anniversary.

Here are two excerpts from Pope Leo XIV's new apostolic letter "In Unitate Fidei," (United in Faith.) It is a beautiful meditation on the Nicene Creed and offers some powerful questions to reflect on.

Pope Leo writes, "In this sense, the Nicene Creed invites us to examine our conscience. What does God mean to me and how do I bear witness to my faith in him? Is the one and only God truly the Lord of my life, or do I have idols that I place before God and his commandments? Is God for me the living God, close to me in every situation, the Father to whom I turn with filial trust? Is he the Creator to whom I owe everything I am and have, whose mark I can find in every creature? Am I willing to share the goods of the earth, which belong to everyone, in a just and equitable manner? How do I treat creation, the work of his hands? Do I exploit and destroy it, or do I use it with reverence and gratitude, caring for and cultivating it as the common home of humanity?"

"If God loves us with all his being, then we too must love one another. We cannot love God whom we do not see without loving our brother and sister whom we do see (cf. 1 Jn 4:20). Love for God without love for neighbor is hypocrisy; radical love for our neighbor, especially love for our enemies, without love for God, requires a 'heroism' that would overwhelm and oppress us. In following Jesus, the ascent to God passes through descent and dedication to our brothers and sisters, especially the least, the poorest, the abandoned and the marginalized. What we have done to the least of these, we have done to Christ (cf. Mt 25:31-46). In the face of disasters, wars and misery, we bear witness to God's mercy to those who doubt him only when they experience his mercy through us."

Read the entire letter here: <https://www.vatican.va/.../20251123-in-unitate-fidei.html>

Have a blessed and wonderful Advent,

Fr. Tomasz

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



ST. PATRICK'S



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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!

THANK YOU to everyone who has increased their weekly giving so far!

- So far, 42 families have made pledges
- The Average Weekly Increase per family is currently \$6.76
- Projected Annual Increase is currently \$14,760

Our parish goal is to increase our yearly weekly giving by \$28,000. Imagine if all 350 families who give increased their contribution by just \$2.00 a week, then our parish would have a yearly increase of \$36,400.

Pledge cards were mailed and are available in the church. You can either return the card or visit www.mystpatricks.com/increase-giving. It is important that you return the Invest in Growth card or submit it online so we can plan for the future accordingly. If you have questions or need help, please email Liz Baker at liz@mystpatricks.com or call 508-234-5656.

WE NEED EVERYONE'S HELP.

THE GREATER THE PARTICIPATION, THE GREATER THE SUCCESS.

INVEST IN GROWTH

"I have loved you..."

Pope Leo XIV

Upcoming Collections

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

December 8: Immaculate Conception
December 21: Faith Formation

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
10/19/2025	\$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
11/16/2025	\$3,962.00	\$3,246.15	\$7,208.15	\$9,300
Average Weekly To-Date FY 2026	\$4,662.54	\$4,153.12	\$8,815.67	\$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.*



GIVING TUESDAY

This Giving Tuesday we are remembering the John 21 Community Breakfast program that serves our community. If anyone needs or would like breakfast, the amazing teams who serve this program are busy cooking for all who come through the doors of the

**St. Patrick's Parish Center
on Saturday mornings at 7:00 a.m.**

To donate to this worthy cause, please visit **www.mystpatricks.com**, **Give, Online Giving**, and select **John 21 Giving Tuesday 2025** from the drop-down menu.

Thank you for your continued support!

THANK YOU

A BIG THANK YOU to Kathy & Bill Richer, Christine Trifari, Carol Violette, and their Thanksgiving Basket Team for all your hard work once again this year!

THANK YOU to the everyone who set up our manger for the community to enjoy — it is a beautiful part of our church's history & tradition. We appreciate your time & hard work!

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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.

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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508-929-4363 or go to WorcesterDiocese.org
for more information.

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