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ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH  
LOVE GOD. LOVE ONE ANOTHER. GROW DISCIPLES.

*“Behold, the  
virgin shall  
conceive and bear  
a son, and they  
shall name him  
Emmanuel...”*

*Matthew 1:18-24*

*Love*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
December 21, 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 December 20 & 21

Sat.	4:30 PM	+	Sarah Kilby (7th Anniversary) By her Family
Sun.	8:00 AM	+	Mathew Thompson (1st Anniversary) By his Loving Family
	10:00 AM	+	Dick Desjardin (Remembrance) By his wife, Aline
	5:00 PM	+	John Arrigan (Remembrance) By his Family

#### Week of December 22 - 26

Mon.	8:30 AM	+	Parishioners of St. Patrick's
Tues.	8:30 AM	+	Parishioners of St. Patrick's
Weds.	3:00 PM	+	<b>No Adoration or Divine Mercy</b>
Weds.	4:30 PM	+	<b>Christmas Eve Mass</b> Parishioners of St. Patrick's
Thurs.	12:00 AM	+	<b>Midnight Mass</b> Parishioners of St. Patrick's
Thurs.	10:00 AM	+	<b>Christmas Mass</b> Parishioners of St. Patrick's
Friday		+	No Mass

#### Weekend of December 27 & 28

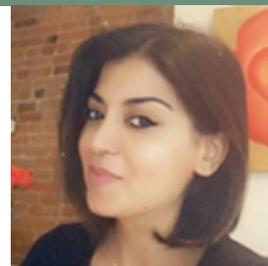
Sat.	4:30 PM	+	Mary Lou Verla (2nd Anniversary) By her Family
Sun.	8:00 AM	+	Maria de Rosario Santos(35th Anniversary) By her Family
	10:00 AM	+	John Arrigan (Remembrance) By Friends
	5:00 PM	+	Florence Skibicki (Remembrance) By Bernie & Brad Warren and Family

The rectory will be closed Wednesday, December 24 through Friday, December 26 in observance of Christmas.

The Mass book is open for the months of December through February. 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:*

*Matthew 1:18-24 – “What Child is This”*



This is the story where Joseph accepted his fate to be the foster father of the Savior. Joseph did not understand what was happening, yet he accepted Mary without hesitation. He is with the Holy Spirit, and he knows that the unborn child Mary is carrying will be the great Savior. Joseph is a model of faith and obedience for he followed the will of God.

To become good Christians, we are bound to always be strong in our faith in God. Like Joseph, he accepted his fate with open arms, and he trusted God most of all. So, if this must be us, how are we to be like Joseph?

Most of the time we struggle in real life situations. Of course, we are not born with silver spoons so we must meet both ends to survive. Even with all the struggles in life, still we have faith in God that we can survive everything. Like Joseph in the gospel, we are bound by faith.

This verse is a reminder that we all must be like Joseph. We should trust the will of God in our lives. God will grant us what our hearts desire the most. May this reading open our eyes to understand how important it is to put our trust in God and how He can give us the courage and assurance to do well in life.

Just like Joseph, can you embrace a bigger plan that demands trust and action, no matter how daunting? ***Are you prepared to make a bold move today?***

*Sadie Perkins!*

## CONGRATULATIONS

To Our Winter Cash Calendar  
Winners So Far!

Kathy Richer, Ann Riley, Joyce Silva,  
Debra Ciccone, Joe Pelgrin,  
Claudia Spiller, Roberta Fritz, Helen  
Anderson, Jeanne Turner,  
Ilda Afonso, Sheila Brennan,  
Jeanne Lovett, and Kathy Donohue  
who won the \$50 prize drawn at the  
Christmas Pageant!

*The grand prize of \$1,000 will be  
drawn on New Year's Eve. There  
is still time to get your tickets in.  
Good luck!*



## Christmas Masses

*Wednesday, December 24th*

*Christmas Eve*

**4:30 p.m. Vigil and Midnight Mass**

*Thursday, December 25th*

*Christmas Day*

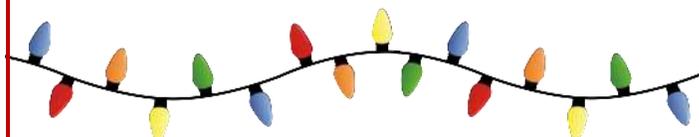
**10:00 a.m. Mass**

## New Year's Masses

**Solemnity of Mary Holy Mother of God  
Mass at 4:30 p.m. (Adoration Suspended)**

**January 1, 2026 (Thursday, New Year's Day)**

**Mass at 10:00 a.m.**



## Let Us Pray

Heavenly Father,

On this fourth Sunday of Advent, we pause in gratitude for the gift of Your unfailing love. As we light the candle of love, may its warm glow remind us of the light Christ brings into a world longing for hope, peace, and joy.

Fill our hearts with compassion for those in need, patience for those who struggle, and kindness for those who feel forgotten. Teach us to love as You love — selflessly, generously, and without condition.

Prepare us, Lord, to welcome Jesus not only in the manger, but in every moment of our lives. May our words and actions reflect the love that began in Bethlehem and continues to shine through all eternity.

In the name of Jesus, we pray.

**Amen.**



Prayer Group will not meet on  
Wednesday mornings until Wednesday,  
February 4, 2026 due to the holidays and  
staff vacations. We hope to see you on  
February 4 at 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays from 3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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

- So far, 50 families have made pledges
- The Average Weekly Increase per family is currently \$7.52
- Projected Annual Increase is currently \$19,548

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](http://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](mailto: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 25: Christmas

December 28: Heating

January 4: Catholic University

### 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
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
11/23/2025	\$4,662.00	\$1,067.92	\$5,729.92	\$9,300
11/30/2025	\$5,731.00	\$8,846.34	\$14,577.34	\$9,300
12/7/2025	\$6,460.00	\$3,270.44	\$9,730.44	\$9,300
Average Weekly To-Date FY 2026	\$4,853.57	\$4,201.48	\$9,055.05	\$9,300

## **Annual Pageant: *It's Just a Little Christmas***

Thank you Shelly Mombourquette, Chris Bilodeau, Shawn McPherson and all of the volunteers & parents who helped make this year's pageant a success. A big thank you to all of the kids — you put on a wonderful show and we are so proud of you!



## 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 to our Hospitality Team members who give their time to serve at the café. They help make it a welcoming place to be each Sunday.*

Thank you



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

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

**Who asked for donations to St. Patrick's Church.**

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

### Prayer Shawls Available

As a parishioner of St. Patrick's, you can request a Prayer Shawl for yourself or for someone else whom you feel needs comfort. Our prayer shawls have been blessed and the names of those receiving the them are prayed for in a special way. In you would like to request one, please call the rectory at 508-234-5656.

### Weekly Divine Mercy and Adoration

As a reminder of the importance of the Eucharist and the true presence of Jesus Christ we have an opportunity to sit quietly in the Divine Presence. As part of this adoration we recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet beginning this time of adoration at 3 p.m. in which we pray for the parishioners, the world, the sick, and other intentions that are close to our hearts. Come join this gathering as a renewal of faith and an opportunity to visit our friend above all friends, Jesus.

### 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. Amen.

*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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