



# st. patrick's

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**Christmas**  
**December 25, 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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### 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

#### 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 + **No Adoration or Divine Mercy**  
Weds. 4:30 PM + **Christmas Eve Mass**  
Parishioners of St. Patrick's  
Thurs. 12:00 AM + **Midnight Mass**  
Parishioners of St. Patrick's  
Thurs. 10:00 AM + **Christmas Mass**  
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

**Wednesday, January 1, 2026**

**(New Year's Day)**

**Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God:  
Mass at 4:30 p.m.**

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

*“Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”* Matthew 1:20-21



Christmas 2025

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This brief biblical text from the Gospel of St. Matthew summarizes the mystery and wonder of Christmas – out of divine love for us, Jesus took on human flesh in the virginal womb of Mary through the power of the Holy Spirit, to save all people of all times and places from their sins. The birth of the Christ Child in the manger of Bethlehem was unlike any other event in human history because this birth has transformed the ultimate destiny of humanity, giving men and women the hope of spending an eternity of peace and joy in the presence of the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Our Catholic faith teaches us that the birth of the Holy Child of Bethlehem, true God and true man, is the theological basis for our unshakeable hope for the gift of eternal life in heaven, a gift that makes each baptized person a pilgrim of hope, a theme that has been a focal point of our Jubilee Year, 2025 that is quickly drawing to an end.

I have often preached at Confirmation liturgies that our goal as disciples of Jesus Christ is “to get to heaven” and “to bring with us as many people that we possibly can,” beginning with those people we love most in life. The true peace and joy of Christmas is to embrace the hope of eternal life that the Infant Jesus, with outstretched arms, offers to each of us once again this Christmas Day, 2025, especially through our worthy reception of Holy Communion.

During this Christmas Season, I invite you to welcome Jesus, our Lord and Savior, as if for the first time, into your life and the lives of your loved ones. Strive to share your gift of hope in eternal life in heaven with others by keeping your hearts and minds fixed on the one thing that really matters, life on high in the eternal presence of the God who is Love itself.

I extend to all of you my prayers for a Blessed and Merry Christmas and I invite you to join your prayers to the prayers of our beloved Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, as he prays for peace, a peace our war-wearied world needs so desperately these days.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus, S.T.D.  
Bishop of Worcester

# Christmas Music 2025

Opening Hymn: 4:30 p.m., Midnight, 10 a.m.

## **O Come, All Ye Faithful** (J.F. Wade)

O come, let us adore Him  
O come, let us adore Him  
O come, let us adore Him  
Christ the Lord!

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!  
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem  
Come and behold Him  
Born the King of Angels  
O come, let us adore Him  
O come, let us adore Him  
O come, let us adore Him  
Christ the Lord!



Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God  
All glory in the highest  
O come, let us adore Him  
O come, let us adore Him  
O come, let us adore Him  
Christ the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy  
Morning Jesus, to Thee be glory given  
Word of the Father  
Now in flesh appearing  
O come, let us adore Him  
O come, let us adore Him  
O come, let us adore Him  
Christ the Lord!



## Penitential Rite

*Deacon: Lord, have mercy.*

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

*Deacon: Christ, have mercy.*

**All: Christ, have mercy.**

*Deacon: Lord, have mercy.*

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

## Gloria:

*Glory, glory to God in the highest.*

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*And on earth peace, to people of good will.*

## Responsorial Psalm

### Christmas Eve Mass: Ps. 89

Forever, I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

### Midnight Mass: Ps. 96

Today is Born our Savior, Christ the Lord.

### Christmas Day Mass: Ps.98

All the ends of the Earth have Seen the Saving  
Power of God.

## The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God,  
The Father Almighty,  
Creator of Heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ,  
His only Son, our Lord:  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
Born of the Virgin Mary:  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, died and was buried:  
He descended into hell,  
Is seated at the right hand of God the Father  
Almighty:  
From there He shall come to judge the living  
and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
The Holy Catholic Church,  
The communion of Saints,  
The forgiveness of  
sins,  
The resurrection of  
the body,  
And life everlasting.

Amen.



Preparation of the Gifts (4:30 p.m. & 10:00 a.m. :

**O Little Town of Bethlehem**



1. O little town of Bethlehem,  
how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
the silent stars go by;  
yet in thy dark streets shineth  
the everlasting light.  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
are met in thee tonight.

2. For Christ is born of Mary,  
and, gathered all above  
while mortals sleep, the angels keep  
their watch of wond'ring love.  
O morning stars, together  
proclaim the holy birth,  
and praises sing to God the King  
and peace to all the earth.

3. How silently, how silently,  
the wondrous gift is giv'n!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
the blessings of his heav'n.  
No ear may hear his coming,  
but in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive him, still  
the dear Christ enters in.

4. O holy Child of Bethlehem,  
descend to us, we pray,  
cast out our sin and enter in,  
be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us,  
Our Lord Emmanuel!

Preparation of the Gifts: Midnight

**Make Room**

Family hiding from the storm  
Found no place at the keeper's door  
It was for this a Child was born  
To save a world so cold and hollow

The sleeping town did not know  
That lying in a manger low  
A Savior King who had no home  
Has come to heal our sorrows



Is there room in your heart  
Is there room in your heart  
Is there room in your heart  
For God to write His story

Shepherds counting sheep at night  
Do not fear the glory light  
You are precious in His sight  
God has come to raise the lowly

Is there room in your heart  
Is there room in your heart  
Is there room in your heart  
For God to write His story

You can come as you are  
But it may set you apart  
When you make room in your heart  
And trade your dreams for His glory

Make room in your heart  
Make room in your heart

Mother holds the Promise tight  
Every wrong will be made right  
The road is straight and the burden's light  
For in His hands He holds tomorrow



Communion: 4:30 p.m., 10 a.m.

**Child of the Poor/  
What Child is This?**



Helpless and hungry,  
lowly afraid wrapped in the chill of mid-winter  
Comes now among us born into poverty's embrace,  
new life for the world  
Who is this who lives with the lowly sharing their  
sorrows, knowing their hunger?  
This is Christ, revealed to the world in the eyes of a  
child, a child of the poor

Midnight and 10 a.m.

**What child is this who laid to rest on Mary's lap  
is sleeping  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while  
shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King whom shepherds  
guard and angels sing  
Haste, haste to bring him laud the babe, the Son  
of Mary**

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Who is the stranger here in our midst, looking for shelter among us?  
Who is the outcast? Who do we see amid the poor, the children of God?  
Who is this who lives with the lowly, sharing their sorrows, knowing their hunger?  
This is Christ, revealed to the world in the eyes of a child, a child of the poor.

**Midnight and 10:00 a.m.**

**Why lies He in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding?**

**Good Christians, fear, for sinners here the silent word is pleading.**

**This, this is Christ the King whom shepherds guard and angels sing  
Haste, haste to bring him laud the babe, the Son of Mary**

Bring all the thirst, all who seek peace; bring those with nothing to offer.

Strengthen the feeble, say to the frightened heart: "Fear not: here is your God!"

Who is this who lives with the lowly, sharing their sorrows, knowing their hunger?

This is Christ, revealed to the world in the eyes of a child, a child of the poor.

**Midnight and 10:00 a.m.**

**So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh, come peasant, king to own him;**

**The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.**

**This, this is Christ the King whom shepherds guard and angels sing  
Haste, haste to bring him laud the babe, the Son of Mary**



## Silent Night

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright.  
Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child. Holy infant  
so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace. Sleep in heavenly  
peace.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the  
sight.

Glories stream from heaven afar. Heavenly  
hosts sing 'Alleluia.

'Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is  
born!

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure  
light.

Radiant beams from Thy holy face, with dawn  
of redeeming grace.

Jesus Lord, at Thy birth. Jesus Lord, at Thy  
birth.

## **Closing Hymn: 4:30 p.m. & Midnight**

### It's Christmas (C. Tomlin)

Away in a manger no crib for a bed  
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;  
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay

It's Christmas! The angels are singing  
And I know the reason, the Savior is born  
It's Christmas! The bells are ringing  
And I feel like shouting Joy to the world!

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and  
everywhere!  
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is  
born!

Joy to the world! The Lord is come  
Let earth receive her King!  
Let every heart prepare Him room  
And heaven and nature sing  
And heaven and nature sing  
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing

It's Christmas! The angels are singing  
And I know the reason, the Savior is born  
It's Christmas! The bells are ringing  
And I feel like shouting Joy to the world!

Closing Hymn: 10 a.m.

## Joy to the World

Joy to the world, the Lord is come  
Let Earth receive her King  
Let every heart prepare Him room  
And Heaven and nature sing  
And Heaven and nature sing  
And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing



Joy to the World, the Savior reigns  
Let us our songs employ  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy

He rules the world with truth and grace  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness  
And wonders of His love  
And wonders of His love



Heavenly Father, thank You for the gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Fill our hearts with joy and gladness this Christmas season. May every song, every act of kindness, and every moment of celebration reflect Your love and grace. Help us to share this joy with family, friends, and everyone around us, spreading the true spirit of Christmas wherever we go. In Your name, we pray. Amen. – ***‘Rejoice in the Lord always: and again, I say, Rejoice.’ – Philippians 4:4***

*Merry Christmas!*



*Happy New Year!*

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