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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph  
December 28, 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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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 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

#### Week of December 29 - January 2

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	+	Agnes Beaulieu (Remembrance) By her Family
Thurs.	10:00 AM	+	<b>New Year's Mass</b> Parishioners of St. Patrick's
Friday		+	No Mass

#### Weekend of January 3 & 4

Sat.	4:30 PM	+	Maria Isabel DosSantos (Month's Mind) By Marcia Hubsch
Sun.	8:00 AM	+	Parishioners of St. Patrick's
	10:00 AM	+	Brent Lamontagne (Anniversary) By his Family
	5:00 PM	+	Parishioners of St. Patrick's

#### Wedding Ban

Robert Ekberg & Kristen Gip

The Mass book is open for the months of January 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:***Be Not Afraid**

In the final days of Advent, Matthew 1:18-24 places us beside Saint Joseph, the quiet guardian of the mystery. Faced with confusion, fear, and apparent scandal, Joseph listens. He does not demand explanations; he receives a word in a dream and entrusts himself to it. “Do not be afraid,” the angel says — words that echo through every Advent. Joseph’s obedience allows the promise to take flesh: Emmanuel, God-with-us, enters the world not with spectacle, but with trust, humility, and courage born of faith.

That same obedience soon carries the Holy Family into exile. The flight into Egypt reminds us that the Incarnation unfolds amid danger and displacement. The Savior of the world becomes a refugee, dependent on the vigilance of Joseph and the strength of Mary. God chooses not to shield the Child from suffering, but to enter fully into the vulnerability of human life. Advent hope, then, is not naïve optimism; it is confidence that God is present even when the road turns dark and uncertain.

For Catholics, the name Emmanuel — “God with us” — expresses the heart of our faith: that in Jesus Christ, God does not remain distant but enters fully into human history to dwell among His people. This promise is fulfilled not only in the mystery of the Incarnation celebrated at Christmas, but continues sacramentally in the life of the Church, especially in the Eucharist, where Christ remains truly present — Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. Emmanuel is with us in our joys and sufferings, in the Church’s liturgy, in Sacred Scripture, and in the quiet intimacy of prayer. In every age and circumstance, Catholics trust that the Lord walks with His people, offering mercy, guidance, and hope, and drawing us into communion with the Father through the power of the Holy Spirit.

As Advent draws to a close, the Holy Family invites us to prepare not by controlling outcomes, but by saying yes — promptly and trustingly — to God’s call. Like Joseph, we are asked to make room for Christ through obedience shaped by love. The Child we await comes quietly, carried into the world by faithfulness in small, decisive acts. In welcoming Him, we learn that salvation often arrives disguised as disruption, and grace is found on the road we did not plan.

God Bless,  
Deacon Chris

## 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, Kathy Donohue,  
Pat Kilcoyne, Arlene Crawford, Anges Beaulieu (IMO), and Mary Contino.**

***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 Concert

Thank you to the Roots & Relics ensemble — including Chris Bilodeau, Katrina Ireland-Bilodeau, Jillian Martin, Matt Riley, and Bert Baldarelli — for putting on a spectacular Christmas music concert for the community to enjoy. The Celtic-inspired songs were a perfect addition to holiday celebrations.

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.

## Thank You

*Thank you* to the Liturgy Formation Team who, once again, did a wonderful job decorating the altar & church for Advent & Christmas. The parish is lucky to have all of you! Also, thank you to the Confirmation students who brought up items for the team to use in their décor.

*Thank you* to the YIA students who donated their time to decorate the parish center for Christmas. The kids are going to love it, as will everyone who gets to see your creativity and hard work.

*Thank you* to the team who coordinated the St. Pat's giving tree program again this year (pictured on the cover.) It was a success, and families picked up the items that parishioners donated last Saturday. A special thanks to Paul McNealy for donating teddy bears & Beanie Babies for families to take home.

## Let Us Pray

"Dear Heavenly Father, as we stand at the threshold of a new year, we come to You with hearts full of hope and anticipation. We thank You for the gift of another year, for the breath in our lungs, and for the opportunities ahead. We pray for Your guidance, protection, and blessing as we navigate the days, weeks, and months to come. May Your Word be our foundation, Your Spirit our comfort, and Your love our motivation. Grant us wisdom, courage, and perseverance as we seek to live out our faith in our daily lives. May we be a beacon of hope, a light in the darkness, and a reflection of Your love to our community. Help us to cherish the memories of the past, to live fully in the present, and to trust You for the future. May our parish family be a source of encouragement, support, and inspiration to one another. We pray for Your blessing on our ministries, our outreach efforts, and our mission endeavors. May we be effective in sharing Your love and making a difference in the lives of those around us. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen." — *Father Tomasz*

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

- So far, 53 families have made pledges
- The Average Weekly Increase per family is currently \$7.29
- Projected Annual Increase is currently \$20,088

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

January 1: New Year's Day

January 4: Catholic University

January 11: Heating

### 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
11/16/2025	\$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
12/14/2025	\$4,759.00	\$5,966.35	\$10,725.35	\$9,300
Average Weekly To-Date FY 2026	\$4,847.66	\$4,311.78	\$9,159.44	\$9,300

## **Our Lady of the Valley Regional School Update**

Welcome to the OLV update, a biweekly entry to your parish bulletin. Here we will post news and information regarding Our Lady of the Valley Regional School, the wonderful Catholic elementary school and middle school academy located in the Blackstone Valley, sponsored and supported by St. Mary Parish, St. Patrick Parish and St. Peter Parish. We are blessed to have your prayers and support!

With the Christmas Season in full swing here at Our Lady of the Valley School, we are blessed to be able to celebrate the season in a prayerful, reflective way. Additionally, we have fun activities such as pajama day, secret Santa and the faculty luncheon planned. However, for many, nothing brings more joy and opportunity to proclaim the faith than our Christmas Concerts. These performances provide families and friends the opportunity to come together in Church to listen to our schoolchildren praise God and welcome Christ through sung words and music. We look forward to hearing them!

And we are very grateful for their music teachers who work with them all year and rehearse throughout November and December so that the students are ready to deliver stellar performances. Mrs. Rett, who teaches grades four through eight; Mrs. Eland, who teaches Kindergarten through Grade Three as well as the PreK; and Mrs. DiCrescentis, who teaches the stringed instrument program, do a tremendous job inspiring students to learn perform. We are fortunate and blessed to have a vibrant and meaningful music program that holds students to high expectations and provides an important part of an overall outstanding fine arts program at OLV!

Our students, faculty, staff and families are happy to share this wonderful news with the parishes who provide support and prayers for OLV. Thank you for all that you do for Our Lady of the Valley Regional School!

God bless you and yours,

Ed Reynolds  
Principal  
Our Lady of the Valley Regional School



Loved at home. Loved at school. Loved by God.

## 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 Francis "Frank" Sprott**

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

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



St. Patrick's continues to help raise funds for the Assumption Sisters of Nairobi - Jamaica so that they may rebuild after the devastation of Hurricane Melissa, and continue to provide much needed services to those in need. You may donate via online giving, Venmo, dropping an envelope in the basket, or mailing it to the rectory. Thank you for the outpouring of support!



### 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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