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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
January 4, 2026

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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 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

Week of January 5 - 9

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

Tues. 8:30 AM + Holy Souls in Purgatory
By Helpers of the Holy Souls

Weds. 3:00 PM + Adoration and Divine Mercy

Weds. 4:30 PM + Parishioners of St. Patrick's

Thursday & Friday + No Mass

Weekend of January 10 & 11

Sat. 4:30 PM + Edward Driscoll (Remembrance)
By Susan & Frank Strom

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

5:00 PM + Charles Fernandez (Remembrance)
By The Fernandez Family

Funeral Mass

Edward Driscoll
Monday, January 5 at 10:00 a.m.

Baptism

Macklin Jacob Glod
Sunday, January 18 at 11:30 a.m.

Wedding Banns

Robert Ekberg & Kristen Grip
Friday, January 16

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.

Reflections:

EXCERPT FROM HIS HOLINESS POPE LEO XIV FOR WORLD DAY OF PEACE

1st JANUARY 2026



Peace be with you all:

Towards an “unarmed and disarming” peace

“Peace be with you!”

This ancient greeting, still in use today in many cultures, was infused with new life on the evening of Easter on the lips of the risen Jesus. “Peace be with you” (Jn 20:19, 21) is his Word that does not merely desire peace, but truly brings about a lasting transformation in those who receive it, and consequently in all of reality. For this reason, the Apostles’ successors give voice every day throughout the world to the most silent of revolutions: “Peace be with you!” From the very evening of my election as Bishop of Rome, I have wanted to join my own greeting to this universal proclamation. And I would like to reiterate that this is the peace of the risen Christ – a peace that is unarmed and disarming, humble and persevering. It comes from God who loves us all unconditionally.

The peace of the risen Christ

Dear brothers and sisters, whether we have the gift of faith or feel we lack it, let us open ourselves to peace! Let us welcome it and recognize it, rather than believing it to be impossible and beyond our reach. Peace is more than just a goal; it is a presence and a journey. Even when it is endangered within us and around us, like a small flame threatened by a storm, we must protect it, never forgetting the names and stories of those who have borne witness to it. Peace is a principle that guides and defines our choices. Even in places where only rubble remains, and despair seems inevitable, we still find people who have not forgotten peace. Just as on the evening of Easter Jesus entered the place where his disciples were gathered in fear and discouragement, so too the peace of the risen Christ continues to pass through doors and barriers in the voices and faces of his witnesses. This gift enables us to remember goodness, to recognize it as victorious, to choose it again, and to do so together.

An unarmed peace

Although many people today have hearts ready for peace, they are often overcome by a great sense of powerlessness before an increasingly uncertain world. Saint Augustine had already pointed out this particular paradox: “It is not difficult to possess peace; it is, perhaps, more difficult to praise it. To praise peace, we may find that we lack the necessary talent; we search for the right ideas and weigh our words. But to have peace, it is there, within reach, and we can possess it without effort.” [3]

LEO PP. XIV

CONGRATULATIONS To Our Winter Cash Calendar Winners So Far!

Kathy Richer, Ann Riley, Kathy Richer, Joyce Silva, Debra Ciccone, Betsy Saucier, Joe Pelgrin, Claudia Spiller, Roberta Fritz, Helen Anderson, Jeanne Turner, Kathy Donohue, Ilda Afonso, Sheila Brennan, Jeanne Lovett, Pat Kilcoyne, Arlene Crawford, Sheila Brennan, Claudia Spiller, Anges Beaulieu (IMO), Sheila Brennan, Mary Contino, Claire Freel, Christine Johnson, Beth Morse, Ed Flammand, Mania Bilodeau, Celeste Gagnier and Helen Anderson.

*The grand prize of \$1,000 will be drawn on New Year's Eve.
Good luck to everyone who has purchased tickets!*



Save the Date: 2026 Worcester Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference

"Be Not Afraid" - The 25th Annual Catholic Men's Conference will be held on **Saturday, March 21** at the DCU Convention Center in Worcester. Adult Tickets are just \$60 (through March 11) and Student Tickets are always \$30. All tickets include lunch. For ticket sales or for more information regarding this year's conference & speakers, please visit our website at catholicmenworc.com.

Thank You

Thank you to Bereavement Team for always making families and friends feel welcomed at St. Patrick's as they grieve the losses of loved ones. Led by Bette and Bud, the members of the team volunteer to bake, serve, and clean up after funeral bereavements in our parish center. We are incredibly fortunate to have so many wonderful parishioners dedicate their time to such an important ministry.

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.

Let Us Pray

An Epiphany Prayer

Lord Jesus, may your light shine our way,
as once it guided the steps of the magi:
that we too may be led into your presence
and worship you, the Child of Mary,
the Word of the Father, the King of nations,
the Saviour of mankind;
to whom be glory for ever.

(Frank Colquhoun)





Epiphany is a Feast Day within the Church’s liturgical celebration of Christmas. In the current Western tradition, we associate it with the “Visit of the Magi,” or visitors from the East recounted in Matthew’s Gospel. (Mt 2:1-12). Epiphany is traditionally celebrated the 12th day after Christmas, (Twelfth Night), January 6th. In the Catholic dioceses of the United States this feast has been moved to the Sunday after January 6.

Epiphany takes its name from the Greek *epiphania*, a manifestation. Jesus, born quietly in Bethlehem’s stable, is revealed, or made manifest, as the Son of God. In the recognition of Him by the Magi, the Christ, He is revealed to the “nations.” (see, for example, Is 42:6; Is 60: 1-6; and Psalm 72:11)

The Feast Day is associated with three events in the life of Christ when His divinity shines through His humanity: the adoration of the Magi; the baptism of Christ in the Jordan (Mt 3); and the first miracle at the wedding feast of Cana, (Jn 2), The latter two of these were designated as Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary, by Pope St. John Paul II in 2002. In these “Mysteries of Light,” we meditate on the revelation of Jesus as the Divine Son of the Father.

NEW MEMBERS

WELCOME TO ST. PATRICK’S

To register in the parish, please visit
www.mystpatrick.com

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Upcoming Collections

January 4: Catholic University

January 11: Heating

January 18: Utilities

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OFFERING

Week	Weekly Envelopes & Cash	Weekly Online	Weekly Total	Goal
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
12/21/2025	\$4,118.00	\$2,075.00	\$6,193.00	\$9,300
Average Weekly To-Date FY 2026	\$4,804.74	\$4,180.21	\$8,984.94	\$9,300



Pancake Breakfast

Menu:

Pancakes, Sausages, Eggs, Orange Juice, Milk, and Coffee or Tea

Toppings available:

Whipped Cream, Ice Cream, Fruit Compote, Chocolate Chips,
Powdered Sugar and more

Sunday, January 11, 2026 at 11 a.m. – 12:00 Noon

Adults \$12 * Seniors \$10 * Children under 8 \$6.00 * 5 and under free

Rise Against Hunger

Rise Against Hunger is growing a global movement to end hunger by empowering communities, nourishing lives, and responding to emergencies. This initiative is targeting remote, last-mile communities within hunger pockets that are designated “serious” or higher by the Global Hunger Index. The organization works with local leaders to harness the strengths of their communities and tackle their own food and nutrition security challenges with dignity and resilience.

Our students, with the help of the community, will pack 10,152 bags each containing vitamin pack, dehydrated vegetables, soy packets and rice. Items will be boxed and put in a container. The cost of supplies is \$4,100. Funds raised will help grades 5- 8 for the Rise Against Hunger program.

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for their continued support!

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.

Please Help the Blackstone Valley Emergency Shelter

The BVES is being hosted during the winter months at St. Patrick's again this year. They are in need of donations of \$5.00 gift cards from McDonalds, Burger King, Dunkin', and/or Subway. These gift cards will be given to those without homes during the cold months, and can be dropped off at the rectory.
Thank you for your ongoing support!

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.**

Come Join Us For

**LESSONS
&
CAROLS**

**Sunday, January 4
at 2:00 p.m.**



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

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