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**BAPTISM OF THE LORD**  
**January 11, 2026**

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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 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

#### Week of January 12 - 16

Mon. 8:30 AM + Parishioners of St. Patrick's  
Tues. 8:30 AM + Parishioners of St. Patrick's  
Weds. 3:00 PM + Adoration and Divine Mercy  
Weds. 4:30 PM + Parishioners of St. Patrick's  
Thursday & Friday + No Mass

#### Weekend of January 17 & 18

Sat. 4:30 PM + Leon Dumais (Remembrance)  
By his Family

Sun. 8:00 AM + Parishioners of St. Patrick's  
10:00 AM + Dick Desjardin (Remembrance)  
By his wife, Aline  
5:00 PM + Parishioners of St. Patrick's

#### 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:*



Dear Friends in Christ,

I am grateful to be joining you at St. Patrick's as my formation toward ordination to the diaconate continues. Kim and I are thankful for the warm welcome we have received.

Like many people, my spiritual journey hasn't been about having everything figured out. There were seasons when faith was not easy nor clear, times shaped by misunderstanding and a sense of unworthiness. Yet even then, the Lord's presence was never in doubt. In those moments, I was often drawn to Mary, the Mother of God, who trusted God's work even when she did not fully understand it and pondered His will quietly in her heart. Looking back, I can see that God was often at work in those moments in ways I could only understand later. In every season, "*great is your faithfulness*" (Lam 3:23).

The Lord is not found in the wind, the earthquake, or the fire, but in a still, small voice (1 Kings 19:11–12). In our family's journey, that quiet voice came through the faith of our daughter Kerstin, who became an unexpected instrument of grace, gently leading both my wife and I back more deeply into the life of the Church. Her simple request to take the school bus to First Lights at St. Joseph's opened a door at a moment when God was already at work in our hearts.

The next step unfolded first within my marriage and then within the Church. After a long season of resistance, I finally shared with my wife, through tears over dinner, that I believed God was calling me to the diaconate. Her response was simple and steady: she was not surprised, and she had always sensed the call was there. With her support, I then met with our pastor, Father Bob, in a conversation that began with the Sacrament of Reconciliation and continued in honest discernment. As I spoke, I found myself echoing Peter's own response to the Lord — a ware of my limitations, my unworthiness, and my desire for clarity. I remarked how much easier discernment might be if God spoke plainly. Without a word, Father Bob left the room and returned holding a copy of *The Catholic Free Press*, dated September 10, 2021, opened to the headline, "*Number of Deacons in the U.S. Expected to Grow.*" Holding it in front of him, he smiled and said, "What more do you need?" In that moment, I stopped waiting for certainty and chose faithfulness.

If you find yourself feeling lost or setting aside a call, know that you're never alone. These moments belong to a shared journey of faith and a discernment that unfolds throughout our lives. Jesus always moves first, drawing every heart to Himself with patience and love. He asks not for worthiness or certainty, but simply for an open heart. As we are reminded, "*Jesus himself drew near and walked with them*" (Luke 24:15). Trust that Christ is already at work in your life, even when you cannot yet see how. No one is beyond His grace; He meets us where we are and loves us faithfully.

Peace In Christ,

David Smaltz

## CONGRATULATIONS To Our Winter Cash Calendar Winners!

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, Helen Anderson, and Maureen Calderon.

*A special congratulations to Betty Smith who won the grand prize of \$1,000 on New Year's Eve.*



### Thank You

Thank you to the Funeral Ministry members who take time out of their schedules to serve at funeral Masses that take place here at St. Patrick's. This ministry includes greeting, lecturing, and serving. We are blessed to have wonderful individuals on the team — Sylvia, Joyce, Linda, and John.

A special thank you to Ron and Barbara who have recently retired from the team after many years of incredible service. The work you did and the time you dedicated is very much appreciated. You helped shape the Funeral Ministry team into what it is today. *Thank you!*

Prayer Group will start meeting again beginning on Wednesday, February 4. We hope to see you then at 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel.

### The Baptism of Our Lord

*“John tried to prevent him, saying, ‘I need to be baptized by you, yet you are coming to me?’” (MATTHEW 3:14)* The Catholic Catechism states that “Jesus’ immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God’s will.” In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

# NEW MEMBERS

## WELCOME TO ST. PATRICK'S

To register in the parish, please visit  
[www.mystpatricks.com](http://www.mystpatricks.com)

Scroll down and click *I AM NEW!*

You may scan our website QR code  
 for quick access.

## St. Patrick's Website



### NAC Food Pantry



The NAC Food Pantry is located in the lower level of the Northbridge Senior Center, 20 Highland St., Whitinsville, MA 01588 It is managed separately from the Senior Center by volunteers through the Northbridge Association of Churches. Residents of Northbridge (Whitinsville, Northbridge, Rockdale) who are in need may visit the pantry once a month.

**Hours of operation:** Tuesdays 10am-12pm, Thursdays 1pm-3pm, and the last Saturday of every month from 10am to 12pm.

**Please consider donating to those who need our help. Here are some suggestions:**

toilet paper, paper towels, laundry soap, dish soap, hand soap, Clorox /Lysol wipes, shampoo, toothpaste, tooth brushes, deodorant

**Donated items can be placed in the boxes at the entrances of the church.**

**Thank you for your continued support!**

### Upcoming Collections

January 18: Utilities

January 25: AV Ministry

February 1: Catholic Home Missions

#### 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.



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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
11/23/2025	\$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.*

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.**



### Let Us Remember

**Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
Monday, January 19th**

*Martin Luther King, Jr. was a Baptist minister and social activist who had a huge impact on the civil rights movement of the 1950's in the United States.*

*King was assassinated in 1968 and will be remembered for his non-violent protests against segregation and his "I have a Dream" speech.*

### 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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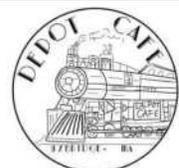
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