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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 18, 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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### 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 17 & 18

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

Sun. 8:00 AM + Robert Trottier (7th Anniversary)  
By his Family

10:00 AM + Dick Desjardin (Remembrance)  
By his wife, Aline

5:00 PM + Kathy Jackman (1st Anniversary)  
By her Family

#### Week of January 19 - 23

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 + Alfred Manzi (4th Anniversary)  
By Maria Guglielmo

Thursday & Friday + No Mass

#### Weekend of January 24 & 25

Sat. 4:30 PM + Joan McManus (Month's Mind)  
By Charlene Potvin

Sun. 8:00 AM + Denis LaFosse (24th Anniversary)  
By his Family

10:00 AM + Maryann Gaudette (Remembrance)  
By her aunt, Aline

5:00 PM + Parishioners of St. Patrick's

#### Baptism

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

*Reflections:*

## The Lamb of God



In John 1:29–34, John the Baptist points away from himself and toward Jesus: “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.” This is not poetic flourish but a profound confession of faith. John recognizes in Jesus the fulfillment of Israel’s hope — the true sacrificial Lamb who will offer himself for the life of the world. Every time we hear these words at Mass, we are drawn back to this moment of revelation and recognition.

John’s testimony also reminds us that faith often begins with seeing rightly. Though John had not known Jesus fully at first, God revealed him through the sign of the Spirit descending and remaining upon him. This is the one, John declares, who baptizes with the Holy Spirit. Jesus is not merely a teacher or prophet; he is the one who brings God’s own life into our hearts. Our baptism unites us to this same Spirit, marking us as God’s beloved children.

The image of the Spirit “remaining” on Jesus is especially striking. In the Old Testament, the Spirit came and went, resting temporarily on prophets and kings. In Jesus, the Spirit abides permanently. This tells us something essential about who Christ is and what he offers us: a lasting communion with God. Through Christ, we are invited into a relationship that endures, not one based on fleeting emotions or achievements, but on God’s faithful presence.

Finally, John models authentic discipleship. He does not cling to attention or authority; instead, he testifies so that others may believe. His joy is complete when Christ is revealed. For us, this Gospel is an invitation to echo John’s witness in our own lives — to point to Christ by our words, our choices, and our love. As we receive the Lamb of God in the Eucharist, may we, too, become humble witnesses to the light.

God Bless,

Deacon Chris

## ***Current altar servers would like to invite you to join their ministry!***

We are seeking boys and girls from our St. Patrick's Parish that would like to become more involved in their spiritual life and increase their service to our parish by serving at Mass. We'll provide the training. All you have to do is show up with enthusiasm and a heart that is ready to participate in Mass in a new way.

Altar Serving is a ministry, in which families must make a serious commitment to timely attendance and attention to the schedule. If you are interested in learning more about this important and awesome ministry made up of kids like you, please join us.

Training takes place on **Sunday, February 1 at 11:00 a.m.** in the church.

We are also requesting all **current Altar Servers** to attend this training session, as this will be a refresher. Training will be led by Deacon Chris and Deacon-in-Training David Smaltz. If you have any questions, please contact Sadie by e-mailing her at [sadie@mystpatricks.com](mailto:sadie@mystpatricks.com) or call the rectory at 508-234-5656.

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### ***Do you like to knit or crochet?...***

The **St. Patrick's-St. Peter's Prayer Shawl Ministry** is seeking new members. If you feel that your skills are not the best, or you would like to learn, help is available. We would love for you to join us on our next meeting, Saturday, February 14 at 9:30am in the parish center. Please contact Tina Pilibosian at [cpilibosian@gmail.com](mailto:cpilibosian@gmail.com) or 508-887-0497 for more information.



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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.

### **Thank You**

*Thank you* to the Liturgical Formation Team for creating beautiful and welcoming designs during times of celebration in the church. Recently, the church, and specifically the altar, was decorated for Advent and Christmas. It was stunning, and received many compliments. Thank you, team, for all you do for St. Patrick's!

### **Let Us Pray**

Dear Lord,

We come before You, humbled by the grace of the Lamb of God. We seek Your mercy and guidance, recognizing the sacrifice made for our salvation. May we embody Your love and bring peace to our hearts and the world. Guide us in our journey towards Your eternal light.

Amen.

# NEW MEMBERS

## WELCOME TO ST. PATRICK'S

To register in the parish, please visit  
[www.mystpatrick.com](http://www.mystpatrick.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 25: AV Ministry      February 1: Catholic Home Missions  
 February 8: John 21 Community Breakfast

#### To Give a Contribution

Text the word **mystpatrick**s 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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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
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	\$2,075.49	\$6,193.49	\$9,300
12/28/2025	\$3,590.00	\$1,917.87	\$5,507.87	\$9,300
1/4/2026	\$6,582.00	\$8,847.47	\$15,429.47	\$9,300
Average Weekly To-Date FY 2026	\$4,834.34	\$4,306.81	\$9,141.15	\$9,300



**21st Annual Wine & Chocolate Tasting — Transformed into a Bigger and Better Tasting Event to Support the BV Emergency Shelter and the BV Rotary Club**  
**To Be Held on Saturday, March 7th**

Get ready to indulge your senses and make a difference at the 20th Annual Wine & Chocolate Tasting Charity Event, now called the **Blackstone Valley Tasting Event**, hosted by the Blackstone Valley Emergency Shelter and the Blackstone Valley Rotary. Scheduled for March 7th from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m., this event promises an evening of delight and philanthropy at the picturesque Blissful Meadows Golf Club in Uxbridge, MA.

With live auctions, raffles, prizes, and an array of breweries, distilleries, and wineries, attendees can anticipate an unforgettable experience. Currently, committed participants are; Courthouse Brewery (Worcester), Rushford and Sons (Upton), Craftroots Brewery (Milford), and GlenPharmer Distillery (Franklin). You will experience these amazing companies and more while supporting two significant causes: aiding the homeless in the Blackstone Valley and funding scholarships through the BV Rotary Club.

"The event isn't just about indulgence; it's about coming together as a community to uplift those in need," remarked Leslie Reichert, CEO of the Blackstone Valley Emergency Shelter. Proceeds from the evening will be allocated to the Blackstone Valley Emergency Shelter, providing essential support to those experiencing homelessness in the Valley.

With an expected turnout of approximately 250 guests, organizers urge community members to participate in various capacities. Whether attending, sponsoring the event, or donating raffle baskets, every contribution is valued and makes a tangible impact.

"We extend our heartfelt gratitude for everyone's generosity and support. Together, we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of those experiencing homelessness. Together, we can give them HOPE," concluded Reichert, expressing appreciation to the community for its ongoing dedication.

For those interested in participating or contributing, further information and tickets can be obtained at <https://square.link/u/P0U6pFPi>, [www.BVemergencysshelter.org](http://www.BVemergencysshelter.org), or on Facebook at *BVwinetasting*. Tickets are \$40 per person. Don't miss out on this opportunity to join in the festivities and make a positive impact in the community.



## 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.*

**Our Lady of the Valley Open House**  
**Sunday, January 25th from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.**  
**75 Mendon Street | Uxbridge, MA 01569**

Our Lady of the Valley Regional School will hold an **Open House on Sunday, January 25th from noon until two p.m.** Our Lady of the Valley is an outstanding, faith based elementary school and middle school academy educating students in grades PreK3 through eight. Located at 75 Mendon Street in Uxbridge, Our Lady of the Valley is a growing Catholic school featuring new and improved facilities, outstanding academic, athletic and artistic programs and an atmosphere of excellence firmly rooted in Catholic tradition and aspiring to peace, love and justice. At Our Lady of the Valley Regional School, every student learns that they are: *Loved at home. Loved at school. Loved by God.* All interested students and families are welcome on January 25<sup>th</sup> to tour our school buildings, to meet our faculty and students, and to learn more about our wonderful school community.



### 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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