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*Week Five:
Serving & Increase*

Congratulations

First Communion Recipients

Sammy DiFiore

Collin DiTerlizzi

Adalyn DiVirgilio

Shea Donovan

Jonah Freniere

Aubrey Garland

Maxwell Greco

Lucas Johnson

Aiden Jones

Colton LeBlanc

Gordon Lemire

Vaida Maglione

Hazel McMurray

Everly Rasmussen

Norah Sheridan

Maya Stokken

Myah Trudell

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 3, 2026

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Masses & Sacraments

Masses: Saturdays 4:30 p.m.
Sundays 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

Confession: Saturdays 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.

Live Stream Mass Schedule

Saturdays: 4:30 p.m.
Sundays: 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 Intentions & Schedule

Weekend of May 2 & 3

- Sat. 4:30 PM + Roger Grocki (1st Anniversary) By his Wife & Daughter
- Sun. 8:00 AM + Joe Muresco By a Friend
- 10:00 AM + MaryAnn Coursey Audette By her Godmother, Aline
- 5:00 PM + Jane Moran (9th Anniversary) By her Family

Week of May 4 - 8

- Mon. 8:30 AM + John Arrigan By his Family
- Tues. 8:30 AM + People of St. Patrick's By Helpers of Holy Souls
- Weds. 3:00 PM + Adoration and Divine Mercy
- Weds. 4:30 PM + Evelyn Kuras By The Bereavement Ministry
- Thursday & Friday + No Mass

Weekend of May 9 & 10

- Sat. 4:30 PM + Rita Kane By her Family
- Sun. 8:00 AM + Michelle Baldwin (2nd Anniversary) By her Family
- 10:00 AM + Mary Bisbee By the Duvernay Family
- 5:00 PM + People of St. Patrick's

FUNERAL MASS

Theresa "Terry" Nydam
Saturday, May 1 at 11:00 a.m.

BAPTISMS

Nolan Oliver Riemer Charlotte Marie Grimley
May 3, 11:30 a.m. May 17, 11:30 a.m.

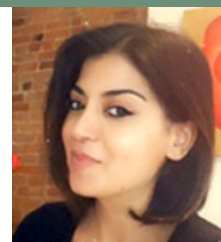
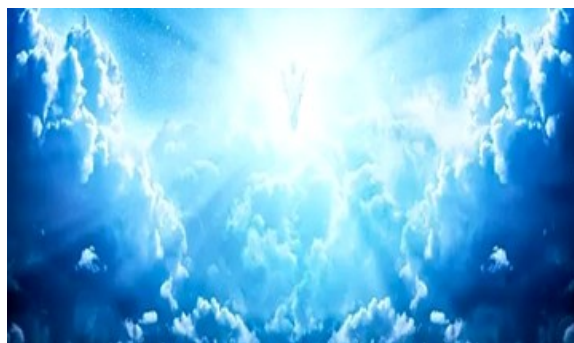
FIRST COMMUNION

Grade 2 Students
May 3, 2:00 p.m.

The Mass book is open for the months of May through July. If you would like to book a Mass intention in memory or in honor of a loved one, please call the rectory at 508-234-5656. The stipend for a Mass is \$10.00.

Reflection:

“Eternal Life” – from John 14:1-12



In this powerful passage Jesus is comforting His disciples during a time of uncertainty and fear. **“Do not let your hearts be troubled.”** Jesus declares that He is the way, the truth, and the life, highlighting His unique role in salvation and offering us eternal life.

We often find ourselves in troubled times, whether due to personal challenges, fears for the future, or the weight of our world. In declaring not to let our hearts be troubled, Jesus invites us to choose faith over fear.

Further unpacking this passage, we can see how Jesus transitions from comforting His disciples to declaring His identity. He asserts, **“I am the way and the truth and the life.”**

Throughout our life experiences, whether moving to a new place, starting a new job, or facing personal trials — we often find ourselves longing for direction and reassurance. The context surrounding John 14 shows the heart of Jesus. He wants us to have hope, understanding, and trust in Him.

In our daily lives, we encounter many things that try to steal our joy — sickness, financial struggles, personal relationships, and doubts about the future. Jesus invites us to cast those burdens onto Him, reminding us that we are not alone and promises that our ultimate destination is not just a location but a state of being with Him forever.

For me, in stressful times I find myself journeying through the Psalms or reflections on God’s promises. Each passage enriches my understanding of God’s plan for my life and encourages me during tough times giving me hope as I walk through life.

Ask yourself, where are your struggles and how do you find comfort in the above scripture?

Sadie Perkins!

Serve at St. Patrick's

We're looking for people who want to *create remarkable experiences for everyone who comes through our doors*. While people may not remember every detail of their experience with us, they will remember how we made them feel. Our goal is to create an irresistible environment every time we serve.

Opportunities to Serve...

Liturgical

Altar Servers
A/V Ministry
Eucharistic Ministers
Greeters
Hospitality Ministry
Lectors
Liturgical Formation Team
Music Ministry

Parish Community & Outreach

Agape Café
Funerals and Bereavements
Homebound Ministry
John 21 Community Breakfast
John 21 Community Garden
Peace of Bread Ministry
St. Patrick's Prayer Shawl Ministry

Student Ministries

Teachers
VBS
Word4Kidz
YIA Ministry
YIA Jr.
Living Stations
Rise Against Hunger
Pageant
Pancake Breakfasts

As the number of disciples continued to grow, the Hellenists complained because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. – Acts of the Apostles 6:1

We are in the fifth and final week of our series called **“Go!”** looking at ministry and serving, and the power it can have, and the significance we can have as we join ministries in the church. Today, we're looking at the first verse of Acts 6.

Acts is telling us there was incredible momentum in the Church, but then, it hits an obstacle. The Church is growing in numbers, but some of the Hellenists or Greeks are complaining because their widows are not getting enough food. That's what the daily distribution is. The early Church was great at supporting one another and taking care of one another, but because of the growth in the number of disciples, the Hellenist widows are not being taken care of. It's nothing malicious; it's just happening because of this growth.

We're going to see how the apostles deal with this issue, but it's a reminder for us, again, in a church community, there are many needs, and sometimes, the needs of some are not being met, not because there's malice, but because it's just an oversight. As we're going to see, the apostles solve this issue by inviting others into the work of the early Church. Let us pray that, as we see things that need to be done in our parish church, we would look for solutions and not complain about it.

*“Heavenly Father, we thank you for this example from Acts 6, and we acknowledge there will always be issues or problems in our church. Help us as a community to deal with them, and to solve them in a way that serves people and gives you glory.
We pray this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.”*

Divine Mercy and Adoration

As a reminder of the importance of the Eucharist and the true presence of Jesus Christ, we have an opportunity to sit quietly in the Divine Presence. We recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet beginning this time of adoration at 3 p.m. each week in the church. We pray for our parishioners, the world, the sick, and other intentions that are close to our hearts.

Come join this gathering as a renewal of faith and an opportunity to visit our friend above all friends, Jesus.



Partners in Charity Update

The 2026 Partners in Charity Appeal is well underway. Thus far, *we have raised \$36,044!* Our aim is to meet our goal of \$63,000 by the end of the Easter season.

The success we have can not happen without the support of each of you.

Please consider making a pledge or gift. You can do so securely online — note our parish & town so that it is counted towards our target — or send your gift from a smartphone by texting DONATE to 84576.

Thank you! We can't do it without you!



Upcoming Collections

May 10: Audio/Visual Ministry

May 14: Ascension of the Lord

May 17: Young Neighbors in Action (YIA)

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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For VENMO donations, search business for **@mystpatrick**s

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
3/22/2026	\$3,694.00	\$2,089.82	\$5,783.82	\$9,300
3/29/2026	\$4,491.00	\$6,483.91	\$10,974.91	\$9,300
4/5/2026	\$7,329.00	\$3,695.40	\$11,024.40	\$9,300
4/12/2026	\$4,409.50	\$3,436.47	\$7,845.97	\$9,300
4/19/2026	\$5,027.00	\$2,117.67	\$7,144.67	\$9,300
Average Weekly To-Date FY 2026	\$5,028.85	\$4,016.35	\$8,951.87	\$9,300



MUMFORD COUNCIL 365
“BABY SHOWER”
THE WEEKEND OF MAY 9 & 10
MOTHER’S DAY



The Knights of Columbus need your help. We will be collecting baby items to help mothers and their babies at **PROBLEM PREGNANCY** in Worcester. These women made the choice to keep their children. Let’s help support them in their decision. A port-a-crib will be set up in the church for you to place your gift donations. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Rich Green at 508-341-3875 or Lou Pepin at 508-234-6664.

WE ARE UNABLE TO ACCEPT LARGE ITEMS SUCH AS CAR SEATS AND FURNITURE.

The following items most needed:

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| Baby bath items/toiletries | Swaddlers | Diapers in all sizes — sizes 4 and 5 are most needed |
| Baby bath towels | Bath tubs | Winter clothes — 9-12 months most needed |
| Burp cloths | Pack-n-Plays | Summer clothes all sizes |
| Pacifiers | Pack-n-Play sheets | Diaper Bags |
| Sleep sacks | Girls pants/shorts | Baby Shampoo & Baby Wash |
| Footed PJ's | Crib Sheets | Washcloths |
| Baby wipes | Baby Powder | Diaper rash cream |

Monetary donations are also being accepted. Please make checks payable to: **Problem Pregnancy of Worcester. Inc.**

THANK YOU for your continued support!

St. Patrick’s Garden Ministry

It’s April and not too early to prepare for the upcoming growing season. All are invited and encouraged to be a part of our **St. Patrick’s Garden Ministry**, where faith and service come together for the benefit of our community! Our ministry grows vegetables in raised garden beds to provide food for those in need in our community.

Whether you’re a seasoned gardener or just willing to lend a hand, we welcome you to join us in preparing, planting, tending, and harvesting with a purpose.

- May 9, 10:00 a.m.:**
- Clean the garden area of trash and other winter debris
 - Prepare and repair garden equipment
 - Prepare soil in all beds

- May 23, 10:00 a.m.:**
- Gather plants and seeds to be planted (weather permitting)



During the months of **June** through **September** we will need volunteers to water plants, weed beds and harvest vegetables. Please consider joining this rewarding and meaningful ministry where we grow food, faith and fellowship. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact **John “Mr. Greenjeans” Zywiec** at jjzywiec@gmail.com.

(P.S. - we are very much in need of a garden tiller this year.)

NEW MEMBERS

WELCOME TO ST. PATRICK'S

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

Scroll down and click I AM NEW!

*You may scan our website QR code
for quick access.*

St. Patrick's Website



Prayer Group

We meet every Wednesday at 9 a.m. in the chapel. We invite you to join us for 30 minutes as we pause, come together, and seek God's will for us as individuals and as a parish. We'll be praying specifically for our ministries, asking God to bless us with wisdom and growth. Come expectant — you'll be blessed.

All are welcome!



Agape Café

Join one another after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in 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!**

*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.*

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:
508-929-4363 or go to WorcesterDiocese.org
for more information.

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