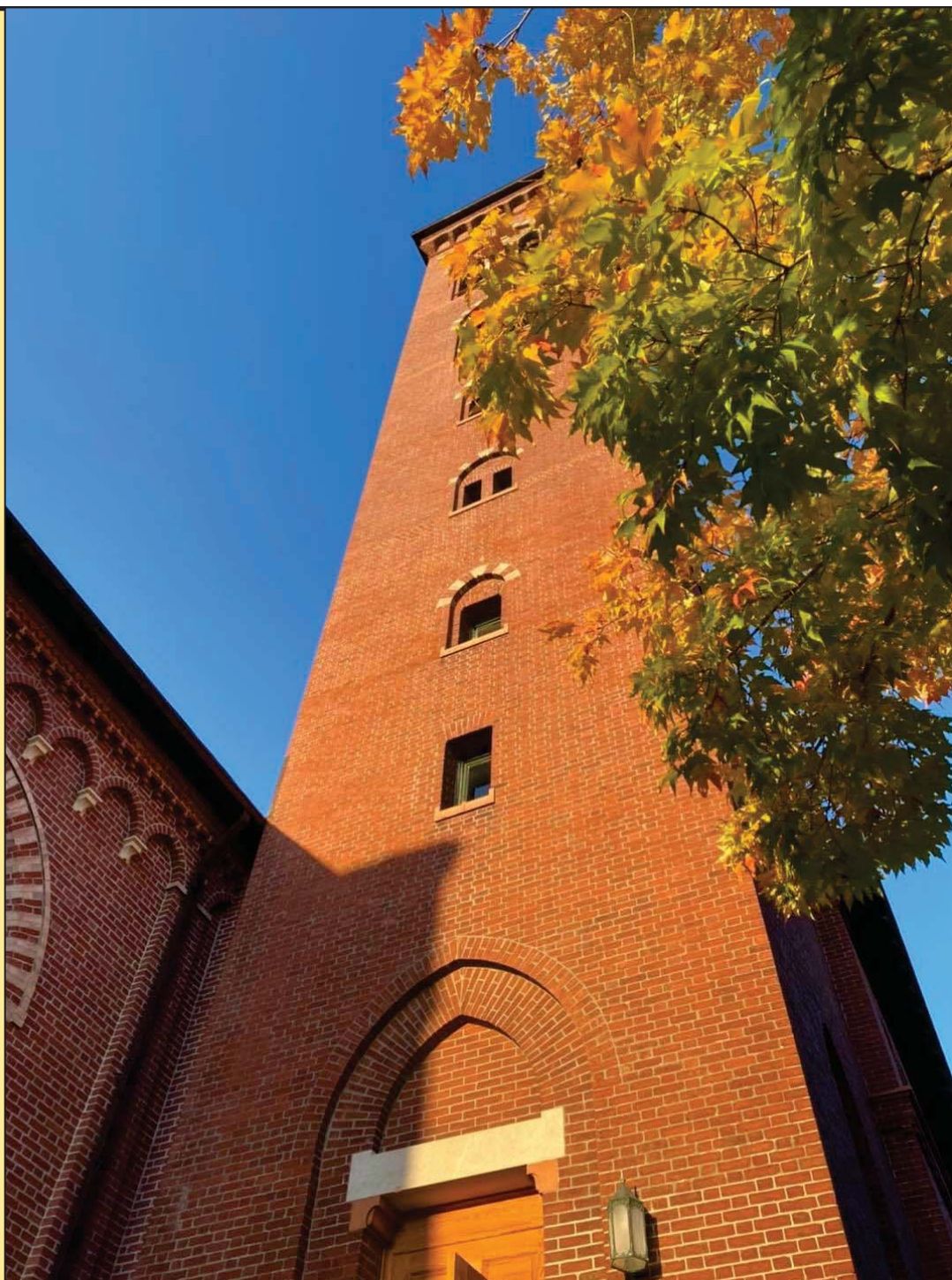
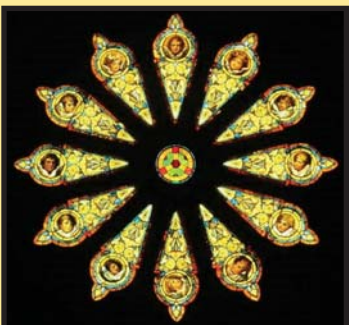




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Saturday: 4:30 PM
Sunday: 10:00 AM Sunday: 5:00 PM
Cable: NCTV 191 & 192
Mon: 12:00 Noon,
Wed. 8:00 AM, Sat: 8:00 AM

Weekend of Nov 14 - Nov. 15

Sat. 4:30 PM + James J. Moore
By The Scanlon Funeral Home
Sun 8:00 AM + People of St. Patrick Parish
10:00 AM + Carl Kuzontkoski
By Barbara and Peter Rojcewicz
5:00 PM + People of St. Patrick Parish

Nov. 16-20

Mon. 8:30 AM + Holy Souls in Purgatory
By Helpers of Holy Souls
Tues. 8:30 AM + Stephanie Spratt
By her Mom and Dad
Wed. 4:30 PM + Richard Laba
By his Wife, Margaret
Thurs: No Mass
Friday: No Mass

Weekend of Nov 21 - 22

Sat. 4:30 PM + People of St. Patrick Parish
Sun 8:00 AM + Eileen and William Hall
By Susan and Martha
10:00 AM + Barbara Hynes (4th anniv)
and Michael Joyce
By Philomena Conroy
5:00 PM + People of St. Patrick's

The Mass book is open for the months of October-December. If you would like to book a mass in memory of a loved one please call the rectory at 508-234-5656.

The Sick : Please pray for all those in need of God's healing touch, especially: Gary Duquette, Tom Eldridge, MaryJane Gendreau, Pauline Pierce, Edward Saksa, Barbara Scott, and all those in our special intentions prayer book.

Reflections :

Learning to Forgive and Love

It has been said that the hardest phrase in life to say is, "I'm sorry". The runner up to this challenging phrase - "I forgive you." Father James Martin shared some ideas about forgiveness that I found very powerful and wanted to share with you. "What could you possibly know about having to reconcile with someone? You're a Jesuit priest," a friend of his once said. "Neither Jesuits nor priests (or Deacons) are exempt from the Christian duty to reconcile because we are all human," he replied. Exactly! We all need the grace to learn to love and forgive one another.



When I hurt someone's feelings or am the cause of some distress, it hurts me just as much. Because we all live in relationships with one another. What happens to one person impacts others in that person's life. And the more we find ourselves mocking someone or being selfish or cruel, the further away from God's love we travel. Then we can get lost and it is hard for us to find our way home again.

Of course, what happens when we find ourselves hurt by others? There is a true test of the Christian character. We know that Jesus calls us to forgive, even our enemies. Not only to forgive them but to love them as ourselves. This is where the real heavy lifting takes place, because when we are hurt - forgiveness is the last thing we want to do. We want revenge and to make that person feel the way they made us feel. "An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth," as the saying goes. How foolish would we look if we applied this principle? Well, if we did, we would not be able to see each other anyway.

No, when it comes to these truly difficult tasks in life, we need to turn to those who are the experts in the field of forgiveness and love - the Virgin Mary. Father Martin found that through prayer, that which seemed impossible was always possible. So if you find yourself struggling to forgive someone in your life, seek the guidance of Mary.

"Mary, Undoer of Knots, by remaining forever Our Mother, you put in order and make clearer the ties that link us to the Lord. Through your grace, your intercession, and your example, deliver us from all evil, Our Lady, and untie the knots that prevent us from being united with God, so that we, free from sin and error, may find God in all things, may have our hearts placed in God, and may serve God always in our brothers and sisters. Amen" - Pope Francis

God Bless, Deacon Chris

To the Parishioners of St. Patrick's:

Dear Friends,

I am writing this email to give you a quick update on the reasons why Fr. Tomasz was self-quarantining over the weekend.

On Friday, it came to our attention that Fr. Tomasz and some of the staff had come in contact with someone who came in contact with someone that tested positive for COVID-19. Out of abundance of caution, Fr. Tomasz, due to his parish responsibilities, was tested on Friday and on Saturday received a negative result as did the person who he had been in contact with. It was the recommendation of Fr. Tomasz's doctor that he should, out of caution, self-quarantine for the weekend anyways.

We are confident that everyone is going to be fine, but we care about the safety of our parishioners and did not want to take any chances. We have cancelled daily masses this week and we are confident that with this coming weekend, things will be back to normal. Having said all this, our live stream candlelight service was moved from yesterday to next Sunday November 15th and will take place at 2:00 PM as was initially planned.

The entire staff of St. Patrick's takes all precautions to keep one another and everyone in the Parish safe. We would like to also thank Fr. Paul O'Connell, Fr. Dennis O'Brien and Fr. Andres Araque for stepping in to help out this weekend with only a last-minute notice. We hope that you have a wonderful week and if you have any questions, please, call us at the rectory.

God's Peace and Blessings,
Fr. Tomasz and Staff

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A Prayer for Veterans

Heavenly Father, King and Lord,
 You instill in all of Your creation an order and value.
 You call Your children "very good."
 We surrender to You
 the conflicts that tear your family apart.
 We pray for an end to blindness
 that places pride, greed, power, and
 selfishness above human dignity
 and brotherly love.
 We pray in gratitude
 for all of those who have defended
 peace, virtue, and justice with honor.
 We pray especially for those
 who have suffered in mind and body
 from the ravages of war.
 Let Your Kingdom come!
 May Your peace that surpasses all understanding
 reign in our hearts and in our world.
 Amen.

Patron Saint of Soldiers: St. Michael



Five Patron Saints of Veterans

November 11 is Veterans Day, a day when we remember all those who have served our country in the Armed Forces. On this day in particular, and every day, we are grateful for the courageous sacrifices of our veterans. In their honor, here are five patron saints who also served their country:

1. St. Joan of Arc

One of history's most famous female warriors is also a Catholic saint. St. Joan of Arc played a crucial role for France in the Hundred Years' War with England. In addition to her heroic work on the battlefield, she also gave war counsel. But even greater than her military prowess was her faith in God, and she died a martyr.

2. St. George

Though the story of his slaying a dragon is a myth, St. George was nevertheless a great soldier for the Roman emperor Diocletian. St. George was a Christian all his life. When Diocletian began persecuting Christians and tried to convert St. George to pagan beliefs, he refused, earning for himself the crown of martyrdom.

3. St. Louis IX

St. Louis IX was King of France went on not one, but two separate crusades. In addition to being a fierce and dedicated warrior, he was deeply devoted to God, which took shape in his service to the sick and poor. He died in battle during his second crusade.

4. St. Ignatius of Loyola

This saint's story of conversion began with his life as a soldier. St. Ignatius of Loyola was a famous soldier known for fighting through many battles without being injured. When his streak came to an end and he sustained an injury that required a long recuperation, he read the lives of the saints and became a faithful Christian. He went on to found the Society of Jesus.

5. St. Florian

St. Florian is best known today as the patron saint of firefighters, but he was also a skilled soldier in the army of the Roman Empire. Like St. George, he was martyred for the Christian faith under Diocletian.

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 and families. Amen

Please remember the following service personnel in your Prayers as they serve and protect our country:

Pvt. Tyler Finnigan, US Army, Ft. Devens, MA L.Cpl. Aaron Marshall, Okinawa, , USS Dwight D. Eisenhower, U.S. Army, L.Cpl. Troy Monteville, Stateside, Ensign LTJG Robert McKenzie Baker USCB Base Miami Beach, Capt. Jason Jordan, US Army, So. Korea, Nicole DeFazio, Deployed USS Normandy CG60, Lieutenant Daniel Gerson, Fort Bragg , North Carolina.



Thanks to all those who came out on Saturday to help put up the Christmas manger. It is a tough job but with all the helping hands and hearts it is now ready to be the home of our manger scene. Tis the season coming up!



St. Patrick's will be supporting local families through the Northbridge Association of Churches with Gift Cards for Thanksgiving food.

All of the tags for Thanksgiving have been taken so far. It is still early and we usually will get more families as the time gets closer to Thanksgiving. If you would like to donate towards gift cards, click below to take you to the online giving, If you do not currently have an account, you can give a one time donation under Quick Give on the website.

Just a reminder for those who have taken a tag, Gift cards need to be at the Rectory by November 15th marked with the Family # and Thanksgiving. A suggested donation is \$25.00 for a family of two. Thanks in advance for all of the support that has always come from the People of St. Patrick's!

St. Patrick's Parish Christmas Giving Tree



Our Christmas Giving Tree this year will be a little different than in the past as it will be all gift cards. On our website Tags are listed for food, gifts and clothing to help you decide what type of gift cards you would like to include in your donation.

All gift cards must be at the rectory by December 11th marked that it is for Christmas and the Family #

Thank you for all of the support that St. Patrick's is known for providing for our local families in need. We as the staff of St. Patrick's wish you and your families a blessed and healthy Christmas!



Parish Giving :

Budgeted Average Weekly: \$8,500.00

Actual w/e: 11/8/2020: \$6,809.00

If you would like to make your donations online go to mystpatrickss.com.

Upcoming Second Collections:

Nov. 15: Campaign for Human Development

Nov. 22: Retired Religious

Some Facebook Posts from Fr. Tomasz

Listen to the people who love you even if they disagree with you and not only to the people who agree with your perspective. :)

I wanted to do it on the Election Day. I will be voting for the first time as the US citizen tomorrow. Friends vote.

I have no doubt that goodness and love will win in the best response to any problem is a loving response. Don't be afraid of it just because it is demanding. :)



ALL ARE WELCOME!

Free Community Breakfast - Curb Side Only
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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, updates and information regarding Our Lady of the Valley Regional School, the wonderful Catholic elementary school in the Blackstone Valley, sponsored and supported by Good Shepherd Parish, St. Mary Parish, St. Patrick Parish and St. Peter Parish. We are blessed to have your prayers and support.

Recently, our students have been able to return to school masses, albeit in smaller cohorts. On All Soul's Day, our seventh and eighth graders joined parishioners in celebration and commemoration, and, this morning, we had Mass for our first and second graders. For several, it was their first time to church. We are blessed at Our Lady of the Valley to be able to come together as a school community in such a special way.

All students in grades three through seven have completed their standardized testing for the fall. Our first quarter ends on November 13th, and report cards will be generated for distribution on November 19th. We congratulate all of our families, students, faculty and staff on their hard work and dedication as we have successfully navigated the first part of this challenging and unique school year. We are currently seeking substitute teachers; anyone interested is asked to send an email to ed.reynolds@worcesterdiocesek12.org.

Ed Reynolds



Weekly Adoration at 3:00 PM, will include Mass at 4:30 PM and conclude with Adoration until 6:00 PM

ST. PATRICK'S IS OPEN FOR MASSES

Saturday 4:30 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, and 5:00 PM

Daily Masses: Monday & Tuesday, 8:30 AM; Wednesday 4:30 PM

Mass may be viewed on Cable Channel 191 Monday @ 8:00 AM and Wednesday at Noon

If you plan to attend, remember to sign up for our Sunday Masses in advance by going to mystpatricks.com home page, find the sign up and click on it. Please wear a mask, use hand sanitizer and follow the directions when you get to church.

For those who are 65+, have health conditions or don't feel comfortable coming back to Mass just yet, that is also fine. The suspension of the obligation to come to church continues to be in effect. Just stay home.

For those of you who want to watch our Mass but can't quite get the hang of live-streaming...

On you computer or iPad or iPhone:

Go to your search icon, open it and search for "mystpatricks.com (Or type in: St. Patrick Church, Whitinsville, MA)

You will see a window open with St. Patrick Catholic Church, Whitinsville, MA. Right under that name you will see :

"www.mystpatricks.com" Click on it.

When the site opens, scroll down to the bottom and you will see the date's Mass, for example, "All Saints' Day Mass," click on it and it will start the streaming.

Note: If it has not started yet, stay "tuned in" because it will come on when the live stream starts.

If you are not able to find the page or get onto the stream call the rectory at 508-234-5656 during the week and ask for Emma.





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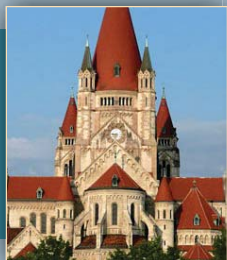


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