NATICK CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Saint Linus Church 119 Hartford Street

Saint Patrick Church 46 East Central Street

Pastor: Rev. Michael MacEwen

Administrator: Rev. George Hines Parochial Vicar: Rev. Michael Alfano

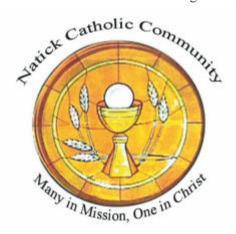
Senior Priest: Rev. Leroy Owens

Parish Office: 44 East Central Street, Natick, 508-653-1093 Fax: 508-650-2922 Religious Education Office: 508-653-1093 St. Patrick Cemetery: 978-208-0266

Website: natickcatholic.org

Mass Schedule St. Linus Sunday 9 a.m. Sunday 5 p.m.

Handicap Accessible



MASS SCHEDULE St. Patrick

Monday — Friday 8 a.m. Saturday 4 p.m. Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. Handicap Accessible

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Patrick lower church: Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm. Also by appointment; please call the office.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism is celebrated the second & third Sunday of the month at 1:00pm. Please call the Rectory to make the necessary arrangements.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Couples must contact the Priest at least six months prior to any other marriage plans.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

Please call the rectory to request Communion, Visitation or Anointing of the Sick for anyone who is confined to home or a hospital.

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Direct Line: 508-509-1736 ALL calls are confidential

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Daily 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

Wednesday 6:30 p.m.; check Facebook day of for location.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 9:00am - 3:30pm, Friday: 9:00am to 12:00noon

Monday-Friday: Daily Rosary 7:30 a.m.



"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16bc

Readings for the week of January 9, 2022

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25,

27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/

Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk

1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk

1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-

9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk

1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk

2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-

7/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor

12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

PLEASE PRAY FOR...Ann Teresa Allen, Jim Annear, Alexandra Barr, Mack & Finn Carlson, Ross Cigna, Viola Cole, Danny Connolly, Jay Cormier, Richard Cunningham, Miguel Espada & Family, Tom Feola, Patrick Foley, Amy Gertz, Christopher Gobron, Mateo Goldman, Sandra Green, Jeanne Gross, Matt Hanley, Marsha Ryan-Henry, Patrick Hurley, Cynthia Johnson, Nikki Joyal, Mary Kennedy, Brian Keville, Barbara Lavin, Haylie Leonard, Anna Leskanic, Janet Lodi, Helen MacDonald, Monique Marcott, Anne Martin, Donna McIntosh, Jennifer McKenna, Sara Kate Muleski, Ed Mulholland, Sue Peters, Louise Quilliam, David Ricciuti, Valerie Rooney, Marie Roy, Catharine Rubsam, Joseph Scarlata, Sister Barbara, Bob Tammero, Gavin Tokarski, Matthew Tokarski, Judy Veinbergs, Brian & David Wagner, James Weber, Curtis Wells, Amy Noel Wyman, Julie, and all the Sick in Our Parishes.

From the Pandemic Response Team:

In the light of spiking numbers of new COVID cases and the likely increase in those numbers in the upcoming holiday season, Cardinal Seán is mandating that throughout the archdiocese all people attending public Masses, including weddings and funerals, wear masks.

Mass celebrants, deacons, readers, servers, choir members, and instrumentalists, should all wear masks except when they are speaking.

Children under the age of five are not required to wear masks. Children under the age of two should not wear masks.

St. Linus Mass Intentions

Sun, Jan 9, 9am – Morris Kittler

Sun, Jan 9, 5pm—Raymond Coakley, Sr.

(6 month anniversary)

Sun, Jan 16, 9am – Anibal & Dina Cosquete

Sun, Jan 16, 5pm—For the People of the Parishes

St. Patrick Mass Intentions

Sat, Jan 8, 4:00 pm: Mary Louise Toolin

Sun, Jan 9, 7:30am: For the People of the Parishes

Sun, Jan 9, 11:00am: John Bishop Mon, Jan 10, 8am: Earlene Ackerman Tues, Jan 11, 8am: The Dalton Family

Wed, Jan 12, 8am: Special Birthday intention

Thurs, Jan 13, 8am:

Fri, Jan 14, 8am: The Delvecchio Family

(living & deceased members)

Sat, Jan 15, 4:00 pm: Mary & Jack Knapp Sun, Jan 16, 7:30am: Antonio, Antonette & John Leone & Mary Byrne

Sun, Jan 16, 11:00am:

The Natick Catholic Community has 3 sanctuary candles that can be lit in memory of your loved ones. If you would like to reserve one for a week, please call the parish office at 508-653-1093

Rest in Peace

Let us pray for those who have died, especially

Yvonne Marie Richard, Margaret Ann Sage, & Justin Wiley

may they and all of our faithful departed rest in peace

NATICK CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Our Collaborative Parish Prayer

Our Father in Heaven, your family of St. Patrick and St. Linus parishes praise You. We thank you for the gift of life. We praise You for Jesus Your son, who makes us a new creation. Pour out Your Holy Spirit that we may repent of sin and dedicate our lives to You. Fill us with faith, hope and love. Increase our hunger for Your word and Eucharist. Make our hearts joyful with the awareness that we are Your family. Bring forth the fruit of holiness into our lives for Your glory. Grant us wisdom, courage and strength to share Your life in word and deed with all Your people. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord, with the intercession of Mary our Mother, and Saints Patrick and Linus, our patrons. **Amen**



NCC Choir

The NCC Parish Choir sings at the 9am Saint Linus Mass and the 11am Saint Patrick Mass throughout the academic year. The Choir also participates in the Confirmation, Christmas, Holy Week, and Easter Vigil Masses for both parishes. Rehearsals for this ensemble are every other Thursday starting at 7pm at St. Linus Church. Our Director of Music, Mr. William Sawyer would be happy to have a chat with you about the program if you are interested in joining. He can be reached by calling (408) 663 - 2104 or emailing: wsawyer@natickcatholic.org



Thank you for supporting our parishes. God bless you!

St Linus Parish Support: Week of Dec 26, 2021

Budgeted Collection + Electronic = Total

Offertory Offertory Received

\$7,000.00 \$1,520.00 + \$427.00 = \$1,947.00

Week of January 2, 2022

 $\begin{array}{lll} \underline{\textbf{St Patrick Parish Support: Week of Dec 26, 2021}} \\ \mathbf{Budgeted} & \mathbf{Collection + Electronic} = & \mathbf{Total} \\ \mathbf{Offertory} & \mathbf{Offertory} & \mathbf{Received} \\ \$15,500.00 & \$5,917.00 + \$1,278.11 = \$7,195.11 \\ \end{array}$

Week of January 2, 2022 \$9,540.00 + \$1,613.11 = \$11,153.11

THANKFUL

The members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul are deeply GRATEFUL for your GENEROSITY and CONTINUED SUPPORT, especially during the Christmas season. Your donations of gift cards allowed us to deliver to 56 Natick individuals/families. Each visit included a gift card, a Poinsettia plant, and a friendly smile brightening their day, especially during this time of Covid.

Thank you once again. God Bless You and have a Blessed Happy & Healthy New Year.

"The Lord bless you and keep you! The Lord let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace." Numbers 6

St. Vincent de Paul Society of our Parishes

Current Food Pantry needs include: ars of Tomato Sauce, Low Sodium Canned Soups, Feminine Sanitary Products, Laundry Detergent, Paper Towels

Gift cards to Market Basket, Roche Bros, Stop & Shop, or Wegmans

(Please mail to the parish office at 44 East Central St.)
Many thanks to all!

The Society of St. Vincent dePaul is most grateful for your continued support. We pray that you and your family are healthy and safe.



NATICK CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NOTICES

Monday Afternoon Bible Study

Starting on January 10, Father Michael invites you to join us **every Monday afternoon from 2:00 - 3:15 pm for the study of the Gospel of John**. This program will be shared via zooming.

Zooming directions

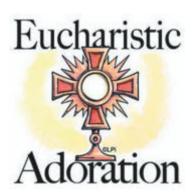
You can join the Zoom meeting by entering this web address into your browser: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84475298699?pwd=Q0tSK0w5eW9XMVNoK2d2akUrZGI5Zz09

You can also **join audio only with your phone** by dialing: **929 - 436 - 2866** and then entering the Meeting ID, followed by the pound sign:

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There is a passcode for the Bible Study: It is 20202021

Ongoing Events	Zoom Address/Other contact info
Rosary with the Knights 1st Monday every month, 6:30pm	St Linus Church
Young Adults Group Wednesday 6:30 pm	Email jwebb.ncya@gmail.com with questions
NCC Women's Bible Study Wednesday evenings from 7-8:15 PM.	Email Dawn Sullivan (carusosullivan@gmail.com) To get ZOOM link
Catholic Men's Group	email Dave Vitello (<u>dcv1020@gmail.com</u>)
Every other Wednesday 8:00 pm	for location info



"God is the friend of silence. We need to find God and He cannot be found in noise and restlessness. See how nature, the trees, the flowers, the grasses grow in perfect silence...see the stars, the moon and the sun, how they move in silence. The more we receive in silent prayer, the more we can give in our active life." St. Teresa of Calcutta

The Adoration Chapel is now open from 8AM TO 10PM. Adorers are needed especially for the 9PM-10PM hours. These hours are now covered but we would like to have 2 or 3 people at each of these time slots. If you are interested please call Carole at 508-653-0371.

COMMUNITY EVENTS



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call at or visit them at https://www.mema.org/.

Bring the Holy Spirit into your marriage. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences.

Catholic Men's Group

The Natick Catholic Community Men's group are meeting every other Wednesday evening at 8:00 PM. Please email Dave Vitello (dcv1020@gmail.com) or Matt Leitao (matthewleitao@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining.



The 20 & 30 Somethings: Natick Catholic's Young Adult Group

Where Traditionalists and Revolutionaries Share a Table Check FB for updates! https://www.facebook.com/groups/stpatsyoungadults

Wednesdays 6:30 Bible Study in Natick: Then 8:15 Dinner and Drinks! (Check Facebook day of for location)

Other Events: Check FB for updates/events like Theology on Tap, Music, Paintball, Hikes, Service and more! or Contact Joe Webb at jwebb.ncya@gmail.com

Recommended Reading

This year our Lectionary invites us to consider selections from the Gospel of Luke. An excellent way to complement this would be to read **GOOD NEWS FOR YOUR AUTUMN YEARS: REFLECTIONS** ON**THE GOSPEL** LUKE. Drawing upon much wisdom gained through her diocesan ministry with seniors, Sister T. Josephine Lawler, O.P. has crafted insightful, richly textured meditations from the perspective of opportunities and challenges of aging. Having received her Doctor of Ministry degree, this Dominican author has also given presentations on aging and spirituality. This book was published in 1994 by Resource Publications of San Jose, California. ISBN = 0-89390-303-5.

Thank You from the Spirit of Sharing Christmas gift program for children living at risk in Lawrence

Thank you for so thoughtfully giving and volunteering to brighten Christmas for children living at severe risk within the St. Patrick Parish of Lawrence, Massachusetts. Although many of the parents of these children, often first-generation, work two to three jobs, they cannot afford to meet rent, utility, grocery and school-related expenses and also provide Christmas gifts to their sons and daughters. This year's Spirit of Sharing program involved a hybrid of online and in-person giving of items and funds for **342 infants through eighth grade boys and girls** whom Rev. Paul O'Brien, Pastor of St. Pat's, Lawrence, had selected for need. The pandemic brought unique challenges this year but yielded an abundance of presents and good cheer.

St. Patrick and St. Linus parishioners gave items or funds generously through our online charity gift registry or arranged in-person hand-offs. We and other volunteers had the joy of meeting, among many others, several women who offered Barbie career series dolls, including a pediatrician, veterinarian, nurse, florist, and chef, to inspire girls; a St. Linus parishioner who handed to us an engine-red bicycle for an elementary school boy, "one I would have loved as a boy for Christmas"; and a St. Patrick parishioner who, with the support of his family and his company D.R. Howard, Inc., provided a sleigh-full of toys. We believe this was the most robust year of giving since Spirit of Sharing's beginnings at the turn of the millennium.

The Saturday before Christmas, about 45 volunteers made our way up to the Parish Center of St. Patrick's (Lawrence) in the wee hours of the morn. After an opening prayer and blessing upon the gifts offered by Father Paul, we quickly set to work unpacking the high-spirited, colorful array of action figures, dolls, toys, games, bikes, scooters, skateboards, basketballs, footballs, and jackets and other warm clothing and Christmas presents. A balance of clothing and several large and small gifts was compiled for each child according to his or her gender, age and size. Beginning at Noon, grateful mothers and fathers arrived to pick up the gifts, many with tears in their eyes. If you would like to volunteer next year on Saturday, December 17, 8 am to Noon, you would be warmly welcomed - just let us know.

We'd like to express deep appreciation to the Very Rev. Michael MacEwen, Rev. Michael Alfano, and Rev. Leroy Owens, and to Jennifer McKiernan, for their support; to Paula Forrest and Rosemarie Schneider for their organizational efforts; to Kathy Muleski for her encouragement; and, again, to each and every one of you who sacrificed time and treasure to support this year's Spirit of Sharing, Lawrence program!



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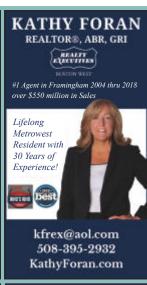
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