

# 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

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**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.  
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**MASS SCHEDULE**  
**ST. PATRICK**  
MONDAY — FRIDAY 8 A.M.  
Saturday 4 p.m.  
Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.  
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## **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.

## **ST. VINCENT DEPAUL RELIEF**

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.**



He said to them, “Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.” And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, “Isn’t this the son of Joseph?” - Lk 4:21-22

**Readings for the week of January 30, 2022**

Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/  
1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30  
Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 5:1-20  
Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43  
Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32  
Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13  
Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29  
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34  
Next Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 [1c]/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

**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, Maura Roberts, 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.

**St. Linus Mass Intentions**

Sun Jan 30, 9am—Rose Bates (1st Anniversary)  
Sun Jan 30, 5pm—For the People of the Parishes  
  
Sun Feb 6, 9am –Jack Ryan (15th Anniversary)  
Sun Feb 6, 5pm

**St. Patrick Mass Intentions**

Sat, Jan 29, 4:00 pm: Maureen O’Brien (4th Anniv.)  
Sun, Jan 30, 7:30am: Joseph & Maria Ciccarello  
Sun, Jan 30 11:00am: Teresa Landa  
Mon, Jan 31, 8am: Alice Stephens  
Tues, Feb 1, 8am:  
Wed, Feb 2, 8am: Robert Viola Sr.  
Thurs, Feb 3, 8am: Leo Rainville (month’s mind)  
Fri, Feb 4, 8am:  
Sat, Feb 5, 4:00 pm: Jack & Mary Knapp  
Sun, Feb 6, 7:30am: Blessed Mother Mary  
Sun, Feb 6, 11:00am: For the People of the Parishes

**Sanctuary Candles**

Week of January 23: Gregory Doyle  
Week of January 30: Sandra, Pasqua & Guido DiGiandomenico

**Rest in Peace**



Let us pray for those who have died, especially

***Parishioners of St Linus & St Patrick***  
may they and all of our faithful departed rest in peace

**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**

## NATICK CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



We ask all parishioners to keep in prayer our amazing Religious Education Students who are continuing their classes this winter & spring. We always are happy to add more friends to our Religious Education Family! If you would like to know more about our program for your child or teen please contact Jennifer at [religiousednatick@gmail.com](mailto:religiousednatick@gmail.com) or check out our website at [natickcatholic.org](http://natickcatholic.org) & click on the Faith Formation tab for complete information. Thank you!

Lord our God,  
in your wisdom and love  
you surround us with the mysteries of the universe.  
Send your Spirit upon these students  
and fill them with your wisdom and blessings.  
Grant that they may  
devote themselves to their studies  
and draw ever closer to you,  
the source of all knowledge.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

- United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

### 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](mailto:wsawyer@natickcatholic.org)



**Thank you for supporting our parishes.**  
**God bless you!**

### **St Linus Parish Support: Week of Jan. 23, 2022**

Budgeted Offertory	Collection + Electronic	=	Total Received
\$7,000.00	\$3,224.00 + \$417.00	=	\$3,641.00

Church in Latin America  
\$569.00 + \$55.00 = \$624.00

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### **St Patrick Parish Support: Week of Jan. 23, 2022**

Budgeted Offertory	Collection + Electronic	=	Total Received
\$15,500.00	\$7,335.00 + \$1,253.11	=	\$8,588.11

Church in Latin America:  
\$1,740.00 + \$50,00 = \$1,790.00

### **St. Vincent de Paul Society of our Parishes**

Current Food Pantry needs include: jars 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.



### **2021 Tax Statements**

Tax statements for your 2021 offertory contributions are available **ONLY by contacting the parish office** at 508 -653-1093. Your personalized statement will be prepared and mailed to you, or arrangements may be made to pick it up in the office. Please note that the IRS may disallow your charitable deductions if you are unable to provide this acknowledgement to them upon request. Thank you for your continued support of St Linus & St Patrick Parishes.

**NATICK CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**Monday Afternoon Bible Study**

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.

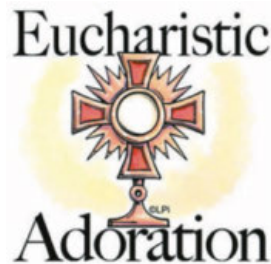
**Zooming directions**

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: **844 7529 8699 #**

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

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



“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.

**How the Hidden Power of Awe Can Help Your Teen Flourish**

Join us for a presentation by Deborah Farmer Kris, Montrose School's LifeCompass Parent Educator, NPR blogger, PBS columnist and founder of Parenthood365.com.

Event Timing: Thursday, February 3, 7 PM

Event Address: Montrose School  
29 North Street, Medfield, MA 02052  
or via Zoom (link will be shared the week of the event)

Contact us at (508) 359-2423 or [communications@montroseschool.com](mailto:communications@montroseschool.com)

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Saint of the Quarter

The Catholic Church is blessed to have members whose holiness and goodness are real-life examples of how to live. We're even more blessed to use them as intercessors and examples when something happens in our lives to take us down a path we either struggle with or didn't expect. That's right- we're talking about the saints!

This year join the Natick Catholic Community as we introduce Saint of the Quarter. Each quarter we'll dive into the life of a saint and participate in a service project to honor this saint and remember their works. We invite our parishioners to take part in this initiative and stay tuned for updates on how you can get more involved.

We present our first NCC Saint of the Quarter- Saint Joseph!

Saint Joseph was the earthly father of Jesus. The month of March is dedicated to Saint Joseph and his solemnity is celebrated on March 19. He mostly appears in the Gospel of Matthew and was known to be a carpenter, or highly skilled craftsman.

The past year was just celebrated as the year of St. Joseph and it seems appropriate! He is truly a saint for all whether you are married, single, working, unemployed, a member of the clergy. In his paper, Saint Joseph: Our Father in Faith, Father Frederick L. Miller states, "Loving and reverencing everything human, he teaches us how precious human life is. Joseph stands at the origin of the new culture of life initiated by the Incarnation of the Word. Devotion to Saint Joseph teaches Christians to love and reverence human life, to understand how sacred are virginity, conception, motherhood, spousal love and parental love." He goes on to describe Saint Joseph as a spiritual provider, one who is a helper in all material needs. Some of these needs even includes housing and budgeting help! Saint Joseph is the patron saint of fathers, families, and workers, among many other things.

#### Our Service Project

Sister Maureen Clarke, a member of the Sisters of Saint Joseph, leads an Aftercare Program at the Massachusetts Correctional Institution – Framingham, Massachusetts for women preparing to leave prison. For our service project this quarter, starting February 19, we'll be writing letters to these women and collecting them after mass at St. Linus and St. Patrick in baskets labeled for this project. These are letters letting the women know we are thinking of them during this trying time.

Please note that these letters cannot have

- glitter
- ribbons
- anything on the paper other than notes made with markers, pens, etc.

Other note-writing tips:

- Nothing can be enclosed in the envelope besides the notes
- Only your first name can appear in the signature and no return addresses should be included.
- You may address the women as ""Dear Friend"

## AMERICAN UNIVERSITY WOMEN FOR LIFE

**Giving a Voice to the Unborn Child Through a Divinely Inspired Song:  
"Point of View: The Pro-Life Anthem"**

**With**

**Maria Costantino White**

Maria will share the story of her brother, Steve Costantino (1958-2021), born with many health birth defects. He was a miracle in himself. Steve wrote and produced a pro-life song from the baby in the womb's point of view. He travelled throughout our country with the hopes of saving more babies whose lives may be threatened from abortion. Come and hear Maria's inspiring words about her brother who lived life to the fullest despite his disabilities.

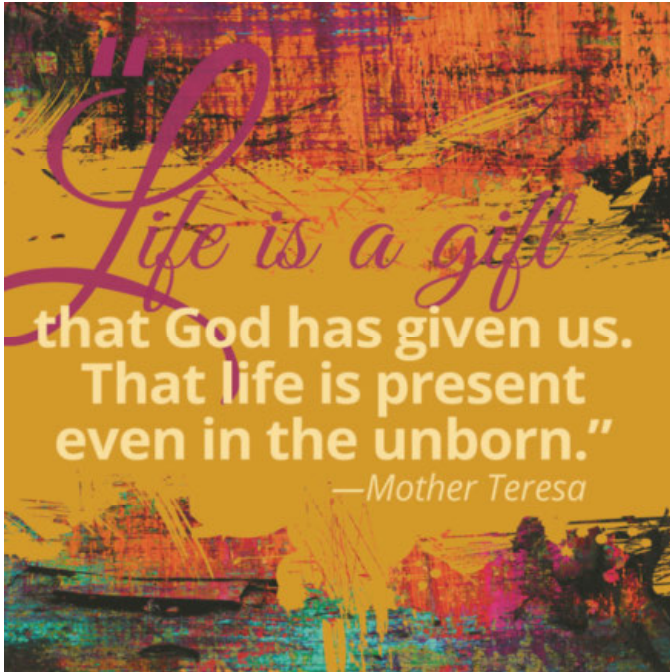
**Thursday, February 3rd, 2022 at 7:30pm**

**Knights of Columbus Hall**

**1211 Highland Ave, Needham, MA 02492**

**An RSVP would be greatly appreciated by February 1st to Mary Elizabeth at [maelde@aol.com](mailto:maelde@aol.com) (617-285-9008) or Lorraine at [lma4171@gmail.com](mailto:lma4171@gmail.com) (617-763-4093).**

**Share this invitation with family, friends and professional colleagues.**



### Prayer for Life

O Mary, bright dawn of the new world, Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life: Look down, O Mother, upon the vast numbers of babies not allowed to be born, of the poor whose lives are made difficult, of men and women who are victims of brutal violence, of the elderly and the sick killed by indifference or out of misguided mercy. Grant that all who believe in your Son may proclaim the Gospel of life with honesty and love to the people of our time. Obtain for them the grace to accept that Gospel as a gift ever new, the joy of celebrating it with gratitude throughout their lives and the courage to bear witness to it resolutely, in order to build, together with all people of good will, the civilization of truth and love, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life.

Pope John Paul II

*Evangelium Vitae, 1995*

### PRAYERS and RITES for the SICK

The **month of February**, usually at the height of cold and flu season, brings our Church some important occasions to focus on the healing power and presence of the Risen Lord. On **Saint Blaise Day**, it is customary to **have one's throat blessed** ( how appropriate at this time, especially during the COVID pandemic ! ). Along with this blessing, the priest asks the **Bishop and Martyr, Saint Blaise**, to pray with us that each faithful person will be protected from disease by the healing grace of Christ. On the **Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes**, the Church worldwide acknowledges the powerful intercession of the **Blessed Mother** on behalf of all those who are in need of healing. For years Catholic people have made pilgrimage to Lourdes, France seeking the support of the Virgin Mary's prayers.

**Any time of year, the Church has the opportunity to request the ANOINTING OF THE SICK.** One of the **Seven Holy Sacraments**, the anointing involves a special blessing **for anyone who is seriously ill, anticipating or recovering from surgery, disabled or infirm due to chronic illness or advanced age.** Accompanying the priest's prayer is an **anointing with holy oil** on both the person's forehead and hands. **The intention of this prayer is to ask Jesus to fortify the sick person, giving their bodies strength, their minds courage and confidence, and their hearts peace.** This sacrament may be offered **in the hospital, in nursing homes, rehab or assisted living facilities, and even in someone's home.** If the family members and friends of the sick person could be present, they too are invited to join in the prayers.

**LAST RITES** is the colloquial term for **the final sacraments** that the Catholic Church offers to those who are nearing death. Just as there are three **SACRAMENTS of INITIATION** to begin one's life-long journey of faith in Christ, so there are **three sacramental rites** that are the fullest expression of **how a Catholic Christian prepares spiritually for death.** First there is **CONFESSION.** Understanding that we are all sinners, in need of the mercy of Christ, the Church hopes that the dying person will have the opportunity to cleanse his / her conscience through sacramental absolution. Then follows the **ANOINTING** ( mentioned above ) which offers healing strength, confidence, courage, and peace to the soul of the dying person whose sins have been forgiven through **PENANCE.** Finally, the sacraments of **VIATICUM** is offered as **"last Holy Communion"**. The forgiven and anointed person is ultimately given **Eucharist** as a **pledge of eternal life** and as **"food for the journey"** which he / she is about to embark on, from this life to the next, toward the merciful heart of God.

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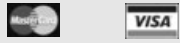
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