



**Saint Patrick Parish**  
**71 Central Street, Stoneham, MA 02180**  
**Sunday, March 2, 2025**  
**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary time**



**CONGRATULATIONS**  
**to our young men & women who received the**  
**Sacrament of Confirmation on March 1, 2025**

Gavin Nicholas Anderson  
Kayla Catherine Antico  
Jacob Anthony Antonelli  
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Vivian Margaret Boyle  
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Rory Callum Campbell  
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Arianna Teresa Carriglio  
Rocco Antonio Casazza  
Asher Benjamin Charbonneau  
Maria Crane  
Daniel Edward Curran  
James Christopher Dalton  
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Alyse Davis  
Kayleigh Davis  
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Alessandra Mary DeSano  
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Justin Anthony Distefano  
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Bridget Catherine Finn  
Anthony Michael Firicano  
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Billy William Granese  
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Amelia Joan Hardy  
Matthew Joseph Heinen  
Benjamin George Hubert  
Dena Therese Kestle  
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John Strong  
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Kevin Michael Sweeney  
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Sophia Madeleine Terrio  
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Thomas Anthony Whelan  
Samantha Therese White  
Olivia Frances Williams

## MISSION STATEMENT

*In communion with the Roman Catholic Church throughout the world, St. Patrick Parish seeks to further the mission of Jesus Christ: that all may know God's love for them, and grow in union with God and one another. With the Sacred Liturgy at the center of our parish life, we are formed by the Word of God and strengthened by the Eucharist. We move from the table of the Lord to proclaim God's presence in our world today through a variety of ministries. Manifesting the life of the Holy Spirit in our midst, we strive to be a welcoming community where faith finds expression in service.*

### PASTORAL STAFF

Fr. David J. Barnes, Pastor  
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Fr. Patrick J. Fiorillo, Parochial Vicar  
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Deacon Charles G. Hanafin  
Deacon Anthony J. Foti  
Deacon David S. Caouette

### ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

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781-438-0040 Ext. 1

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### PARISH OFFICE

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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday  
10:00 am - 12:00 pm &  
12:30 pm - 4:00 pm  
Saturday & Sunday - CLOSED

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

71 Central Street • 781-438-1093  
Brenna Langenau, Coordinator

Website:  
[stpatrickstoneham.org/religious-education](http://stpatrickstoneham.org/religious-education)  
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### SAINT PATRICK SCHOOL

20 Pleasant Street • 781-438-2593  
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### SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 4:00 pm  
Sunday: 8:00 am  
10:00 am (Family Mass)  
12 Noon & 6:00 pm

### DAILY MASSES

Monday - Saturday: 12 Noon

### CONFESIONS

Monday ~ Friday  
11:20 am - 11:50 am  
Saturday 3:00 pm to 3:45 pm  
in the lower Church  
or by appointment

### CHURCH HOURS

Upper Church and Lower Church  
Open daily for prayer

Monday - Saturday  
10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Upper Church open Sundays  
7:00 am - 7:00 pm

### DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Mon. - Sat. 11:00 am  
Followed by Rosary & Mass

### ROSARY

Weekdays before 12:00 Noon Mass,  
Monday & Friday 3:00 pm

### SODALITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Meets every 2nd Friday at 3:45 pm in  
the lower church.

### PRAYER LINE

Please call the Parish Office;  
Requests will be recorded in the  
intentions book in the lower church  
and will be included in prayer during  
Adoration on Monday & Friday  
afternoons.

### MEMORIAL MASSES MASS CARDS

Memorial Masses & Mass Cards are  
available through the parish office  
located at 71 Central Street or by  
calling 781-438-0960.

### MARRIAGE

Arrangements must be made with a Priest  
or Deacon at the Parish at least six  
months in advance. A Marriage  
Preparation Course is required.

### BAPTISMS

Sundays at 1:30 pm ~ Please call the  
Parish Office to register. A Baptism  
Instruction Class is required.

### GRIEF SUPPORT DROP IN

First Tuesday of the month, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

### SEPARATED/DIVORCED SUPPORT DROP-IN GROUP

2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month, 7:00 - 8:30 pm  
Location for both: Youth Room/Library, lower  
level

Adult sacramental preparation, including civil  
marriage convalidation in the Catholic  
Church.

For more information, contact Diane  
McCarthy at 781-438-0200 or  
[dianemccarthy@stpatrickstoneham.org](mailto:dianemccarthy@stpatrickstoneham.org)

### Unable to attend Sunday Mass?

Each weekend one Mass is recorded and  
then broadcast on Stoneham TV during the  
following week. Below are the times that  
Mass is aired on the Public Channel.  
(Public Access Channels: Comcast Ch. 9,  
RCN Ch. 3, Verizon Ch. 34).

Wednesday at 2:00 pm, Sunday at 9:00 am,  
Monday at 5:00 pm, Tuesday at 9:00 am.  
Each new cycle begins on Wednesday so  
the past Sunday's Mass will air for the first  
time on Wednesday.

### ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

The St. Vincent de Paul Society provides  
material assistance to those in need who  
live in our Stoneham community. If you  
need help, or if you know of anyone who  
lives in Stoneham who needs help with  
food, clothing, rent, fuel oil or essential  
utility bills, please contact the St Patrick  
Parish office at 781-438-0960

If you wish to contribute monetarily,  
donation boxes for St. Vincent de Paul  
Society are located on either side of the  
center aisle doors exiting the church. They  
are also located in the lower church at the  
doors. Your help will be a blessing for the  
less fortunate. God bless you!



Brenda Halpin, Dolores Arena, Lorraine Figelski,  
Christel Doherty & Anne Ginivan, who died recently.



## Altar Flower Memorial

Flowers for this weekend  
have been donated in memory of  
**Hugh Sturrock**

The Bread and Wine for this week's liturgies has been donated in memory of:

**Charles Lucas**



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### SATURDAY - March 1, 2025

**4:00** Michael Morelli ..... 1st Anniversary Mass

### SUNDAY - March 2, 2025

**8:00** Lucille Medeiros ..... Memorial Mass

**10:00** Lorraine DiBenedetto ..... Memorial Mass

**12:00** Roseann Lagorio ..... Anniversary Mass

**6:00** For the People of St. Patrick Parish

### MONDAY - March 3, 2025

**12:00** Frank Walsh ... Birthday Memorial/Special Intention

### TUESDAY - March 4, 2025

**12:00** Vincent Polito ..... 10th Anniversary Mass



### March 5, 2025 Ash Wednesday

8:45 am School Mass

12:00 Noon, 3:00 pm & 7:00 pm

Ashes will be distributed at all Masses.

Masses will be held in the upper Church.

### THURSDAY - March 6, 2025

**12:00** Mary E. Murphy ..... 14th Anniversary Mass

### 6:00 Mass and Bible Study

### FRIDAY - March 7, 2025

**12:00** Hugh Sturrock ..... Memorial Mass

**6:00** Special Intention

### 12 NOON COMMUNAL MASS

### SATURDAY ~ March 8, 2025

Rudolfo DiMeco ..... 7th Anniversary Mass

### SATURDAY - March 8, 2025

**4:00** Anna Zullo, Angiolilli &  
Cutone families ..... Memorial Mass

### SUNDAY - March 9, 2025

**8:00** For the People of St. Patrick

**10:00** Helen Tierney ..... 1st Anniversary Mass

**12:00** Theresa Aronofsky ..... Memorial Mass

**6:00** Robert William McFeeley .. 10th Anniversary Mass

### MARCH 2 ~ EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's Gospel offers much ponder as we move toward the start of Lent. First Jesus says, "Remove the wooden beam from your eye first, then you will see clearly to remove the splinter in your brother's [sister's] eye." Then he says, "A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit." Both sayings remind us of our need to reflect on our personal blind spots, behaviors or attitudes that demean others rather than build up others. If we take time to thoughtfully consider Jesus' teaching in this gospel, we may realize our need for God's healing in the Sacrament of Penance, especially before Lent starts. With God's grace and our effort to remove the "wooden beam in our own eye" will lead to our bearing "good fruit" during our Lenten journey!

### Calling All Men ~ Next Series Begins March 8

For five Saturdays during Lent, we will examine the Sunday Gospel readings to help cultivate a deeper interior life and to engage the spiritual battle with greater fervor.

Saturdays, March 8, 15, 29, April 5, 12 in Our Lady of Providence Hall from 7:00 am - 8:15am.

\*No meeting on March 22 due to Boston Catholic Men's Conference

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**Saturday, March 22**

**5:00:** Doors open  
**5:30:** Dinner buffet  
and live Irish music  
**6:30:** Irish ceili dancing  
**7:30:** Sing-a-long

**Tickets:** Advance tickets \$15,  
at the door \$20, kids 5 and under free

**Questions?** Email: [stpatrickparishcouplesgroup@gmail.com](mailto:stpatrickparishcouplesgroup@gmail.com)

**Purchase advance tickets here:** 

**ST. PATRICK PARISH HALL**  
71 CENTRAL ST., STONEHAM

# Thursdays with Jesus

6.00 pm - Holy Mass  
6.30 pm - Breaking the WORD  
7.15 pm - Healing Adoration



Daylight saving time begins  
March 9th. Don't forget to turn  
your clocks ahead!!

St. Eulalia Church Presents

## Vatican International Exhibit of Eucharistic Miracles

March 7-13, 2025

St. Eulalia Church  
50 Ridge Street  
Winchester, MA 01890

The exhibit (in the Parish Hall), will be open

Fri Mar 7 1 pm - 7 pm  
Sat - Sun Mar 8 - 9 10 am - 7 pm  
Mon - Thurs Mar 10 - 13 9:30 am - 7 pm



Talk on Eucharistic Miracles and  
**Blessed Carlo Acutis**  
The 1<sup>st</sup> Millennial to be beatified!



Mon, Mar 10  
at 6:30 pm  
in Parish Hall

Blessed Carlo Acutis lived in Italy from 1990 -2006. During his short 15½ years, he was always joyfully sharing the faith, especially his love of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. At the age of 11, as part of his work as a catechist, he created a website which catalogued many of the principal Eucharistic Miracles which have taken place throughout the world and have been recognized by the Church.

1<sup>st</sup> class relics of both Blessed Carlo and St. Manuel will be available for veneration

For more information, call (781) 729-8220

Talk on  
**St. Manuel González García**  
Bishop of the Abandoned Tabernacle

Wed, Mar 12  
at 9:30 am  
after 9 am Mass



Manuel González García was born in Seville, Spain in 1877 and ordained a priest in 1901. He was assigned his first parish mission in the little town of Palomares del Río. It was there, where Our Lord spoke to him from an abandoned tabernacle, that was a defining moment in his life and clarified the direction for the rest of his priestly ministry.

## Boston Catholic Men's Conference 2025

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### Speakers

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Carpool from St. Pat's? Meet in parking lot at 7:30am

## LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION IS AVAILABLE

Monday ~ Friday 11:20 & 11:50 am  
Monday evenings March 10 ~ April 14th  
from 6:30 ~ 7:30 pm  
Saturdays 3:00 ~ 3:45 pm



The Light is ON for You  
Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation



### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays following 6:00 pm Mass

DAILY MASS ~ 12:00 NOON & 6:00 pm

Dear Friends in Christ,

There is a verse in Psalm 16 that says, "He has put into my heart a marvelous love for the faithful ones who dwell in his land." I often think that those words are an apt description of a priest's heart. When I look out at Mass each Sunday and see you, your families, your joys, your sorrows, your burdens, your trials, your example, your fidelity, your desires etc., my heart is filled with a marvelous love for you. This marvelous love is a gift from the Lord.

Today we stand at the threshold of Holy Lent. We step forward together into the desert in order to be purified and to grow in virtue. Just like the Hebrew People were led by the Lord from slavery in Egypt into the Promised Land, so too, we begin our Lenten pilgrimage. In this time and in this place, the Lord desires to lead all of us—together—into a deeper relationship with Him.

It is always good to begin Ash Wednesday with a plan in place. Each of us is in need of purification and each of us is in need of a deeper union with Christ. Lent is an opportunity for all of us to join together in pursuing a greater conformity with Christ. The purpose of Lent is not merely to "give something up," but to become more like Christ. Some things we give up because they are bad for us. Other things we give up as a way of disciplining ourselves.

Is there some vice in your life that you know you should give up? Gossip, complaining, harboring resentments, pornography, attention-seeking, wasting time, spiritual laziness, spending too much time on empty entertainment, stinginess etc.? Lent is a good time to pick one of them and really dig deep in order to eliminate that vice from your life permanently.

There are other things we give up just for the season of Lent. These can be good or neutral things that we voluntarily curtail in order to discipline ourselves to build up spiritual muscle to give up the more difficult attachments we have to sin. So, for example, maybe we give up a few minutes of sleep each day during Lent. We wake up ten minutes earlier each day and use that time for prayer. That sacrifice can strengthen us to fight the more difficult battles of giving up sins that have a hold upon us.

It's not about doing things just to do them. It's about growing in virtue, especially in the virtue of charity. When I was a kid, my parish offered four daily Masses on weekdays during Lent, and they were all packed! There is nothing that can help us grow in charity more than worthy participation in Holy Mass. St. Patrick Parish will offer a 6pm Mass each weekday during Lent in addition to our daily Noon Mass. I hope that you will consider taking advantage of this gift.

There are millions of things we can add for Lent. Increase your charitable giving. Pick one person each day and offer all your prayers and sacrifices that day for them. Write a note to one person each day during Lent telling them that you are praying for them. Visit the sick or the lonely. Instead of being negative or complaining, encourage people.

These are all just random ideas. Each of us has to examine ourselves and figure out what our Lenten plan should be. Be careful to avoid certain pitfalls! For instance, one failure doesn't mean we quit altogether. If we fail in our Lenten discipline, we get up and carry on. Do not come up with a plan that is bound to fail. Better to pick one or two things and actually do them than to pick a hundred things and never do any of them. Also, don't make your Lenten penance everybody else's penance. If giving up coffee is going to make everyone else in your life miserable, don't give up coffee!

If you don't already, add frequent confession to your Lenten plan.

I really hope that this Lent is a season of extraordinary grace for all of us. We are in it together. As I write this, I think of all of you and where you sit at Mass. I can see you there in your spot. And, my heart is filled with that marvelous love. I look forward to living this Lent together. As we set out together, let's pray for one another and encourage one another. Before us is a great opportunity. Together, and by God's grace, may we become truly holy.

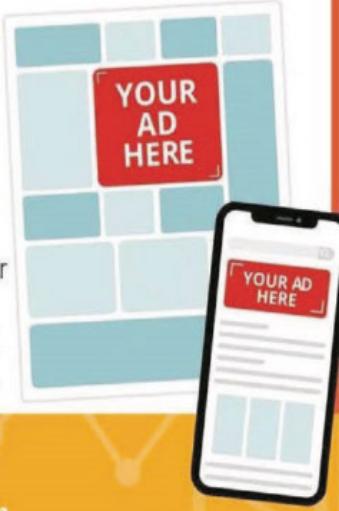
Your Brother in Christ,

Fr. David Barnes

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## PRAYER SERVICE PREPARING FOR EASTER AND DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Please join us in this Prayer Service taking place at: Sacred Hearts Church, 297 Main St. Malden, MA Saturday, March 15, 2025 beginning at 1:15 pm. The schedule includes: Children's Rosary, International Divine Mercy Chaplet (recited in 5 languages), Special Guest Speaker; one of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy (Sisters from St. Faustina's order) with Q& A time. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, at the 3:00 hour, 5 minute meditation on Jesus' passion, Confession, one on one with one of the sisters, Benediction and Mass at 4:00 pm.

For more information contact: Sandi Arjune 781-983-6144

## 8-WEEK BEREAVEMENT PROGRAM AT INCARNATION CHURCH

Meetings will be held at Incarnation Church, 429 Upham St., Melrose TUESDAY evenings:

**March 11, 18, 25; April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29**  
from 7:00-8:30 pm.  
Our Reunion Meeting will be on June 3.

Pat McConville, who has training in bereavement and pastoral issues, and Christine Primiano, who is also experienced in supporting the bereaved, will facilitate the group. Please call Pat at 781-454-5394, to find out more about the program or to register. This is a time to come together with others who are also grieving, to better understand what you're experiencing, and to find hope and support in a faith community.



## Easter Flower Memorials

Once again we would like to give you the opportunity to share in the decoration of our Church and Altar this Easter.

Contributions in memory of loved ones will be accepted until April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Donations can be mailed, brought to the Parish Office or placed in the collection baskets with the names of those who you wish to be listed in the Easter Bulletin.



## SUPPORT GROUP FOR THOSE EXPERIENCING SEPARATION OR DIVORCE

**March Schedule Change**

This group typically meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of each month beginning at 7 pm in the Youth Room/Library on the Lower Level of the Parish Center. In March, there will be only one meeting on Tuesday, March 25th. We will resume our regular schedule in April, meeting on April 8<sup>th</sup> and April 22nd. For further information about the group, please contact Diane McCarthy at 781-438-0200 or dianemccarthy@stpatrickstoneham.org.

# KITCHEN SUPPLIES DRIVE

DONATIONS TO BENEFIT MISSION OF DEEDS

## ITEMS NEEDED (NEW):

- Pot holders
- Dish towels
- Kitchen utensils (ladles, spatulas, etc.)
- Bowls (for cereal/ice cream)
- Sauce pans (2 or 3 quart)
- Cookie sheets
- Cutting boards

## WHERE TO DROP OFF:

St. Patrick's Parish  
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**March 6th-13th**

DRIVE HOSTED BY KIRA, KYLE, JACK,  
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