



St. Patrick's Parish

82 High Street
Wareham

Mass Times

Saturday Vigil, 4pm
Sunday 8am, 10am, & 12pm
(10am live streamed)

Reconciliation Saturday 8:30-9am in the Parish Hall or by appointment



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." - Mk 1:7-8

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St. Anthony Chapel

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Mass Time

Sunday 9am

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Daily Mass Times

St. Patrick's
Daily Mass Monday—Saturday 8am

Mass Scheduling—Currently we are booking masses up to three months in advance. The mass stipend is \$10, preferably due at the time of scheduling your mass. The mass book is now open through April. Please consider having your loved one remembered at St. Patrick's.

Call the Rectory, 508-295-2411, if you have homebound parishioners who would like to receive the Eucharist or the Sacrament of the Sick. **UNDER CORONAVIRUS RESTRICTIONS, We are limited to visits to nursing homes, Tobey Hospital, and parishioner homes unless it is to receive the Sacrament of the Sick. We will continue to say prayers for those we cannot visit.**



Eucharistic Adoration—Eucharistic Adoration is a powerful means of asking our Lord's intercession. Have absolute confidence and trust in the power of His love to bring peace to all. Adoration is **7 days a week, 24 hours a day!** Adoration is in the Prayer Chapel in the basement of the Parish Hall.

Healing Service—Every First Thursday at 6:30pm in the Church.

Are You Registered?—If you do not receive mailings from the parish, it means you are not registered. If you are new, we welcome you! Please stop by the parish office to fill out a registration form! If you have moved, married, or made changes, please notify us so we can make the appropriate changes.

Address Changes—If you have moved or changed your address or phone number for any reason, please notify the Parish Office so our records are updated.

Becoming Catholic (RCIA)—Are you an adult looking to become a Roman Catholic? Or wish to complete your sacraments of initiation? We are happy to accompany you along this faith journey. Please contact Deacon David in the Faith Formation Office at 508-295-0780 or email davidmurphy@stpatrickswareham.org for more information.

Marriage—If you are interested in the Sacrament of Marriage, please contact the Parish Office and speak to Fr. Antonio at least six months prior to the wedding.

Baptism—please contact the Parish Office. Baptisms are held during masses on the third weekend of each month or privately. Any child 7 or older cannot be baptized in the same manner as a baby. This must be addressed at your meeting. Currently due to Covid 19, all baptisms are held outside of mass.

Divorced Ministry—Divorced Support Group meets the third Sunday of every month at 4pm in the Parish Hall.

Mass Intentions

**Gospel Reflection for The Baptism of Our Lord
January 10, 2021**

ST. PATRICK: Week of January 10

SAT 4pm Richard Haskell
SUN 8am Claire Sylvia
10am For the People of Our Parish
12pm Annie Cardoza
MON 8am John DeGrenier, Sr.
TUE 8am Chrissy Castro
WED 8am For A Special Intention
THU 8am Brian and Susan Silva
FRI 8am St. Jude

SAT 8am Mary Eleanor Critch
NEXT WEEKEND: Week of January 17

SAT 4pm Arthur and Theresa Collins
SUN 8am Roberta Baptiste
10am Kevin Ward
12pm Charlie and BeBe Marlacine

ST. ANTHONY: Week of January 10

SUN 9am Chad Rusinoski, Sr.
NEXT WEEKEND: Week of January 17
SUN 9am For the People of Our Parish

Stewardship Report

Baptism of Our Lord—Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. The US bishops pastoral on stewardship reminds us that Baptism gives all of His disciples a share in His priestly work and calls them “to offer up the world and all that is in it—especially themselves—to the Lord of all.”

Sunday, January 3

Cash	\$ 1,280.00
Checks	\$ 2,201.00
Mail ins	\$ 2,674.00
Total	\$ 6,155.00

Prayer

Hail Mary, full of grace, blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
 Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.
 Lord you left your Mother in our midst that she might accompany us. May she take care of us and protect us on our journey, in our hearts, in our faith.
 May she make us disciples like herself, missionaries like herself.
 May she teach us to go out onto the streets.
 May she teach us to step outside ourselves.
 May she by her meekness, by her peace, show us the way. Amen

Readings for the week of January 10, 2021

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3])/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11
Monday: Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9 [cf. 7c]/Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 7]/Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 [8]/Mk 1:40-45
Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8 [cf. 7b]/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn 6:63c]/Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

Our faith must be brought into the streets. It cannot remain locked up in a church or limited to expressions of personal piety. Pope Francis reminds us in *The Joy of the Gospel* that “we have been entrusted with a treasure which makes us more human and helps us lead a new life. There is nothing more precious which we can give to others.” Jesus’ baptism provides him with exactly what he needs to get about the business of his mission as the Son of God, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” He is given what he needs to be successful in fulfilling the purpose for which he was sent. Our baptisms give us these same gifts. We receive the affirmation we need from God, knowing that we are one of his beloved daughters and sons. It is through our baptisms that we are gifted with the direction and clear purpose we need in order to be productive stewards and faithful Christians. In baptism, we receive what we need to be successful in fulfilling our purpose and laboring for the kingdom of God. Baptism is ultimately about putting on Christ and choosing to live like Christ in the world. Are we ready and willing to answer the call?

Baptism is the Easter mystery made flesh in our lives, reminding us of who we are called to be. Baptism tells us who we are and assures us that we are on a much bigger journey. This is good news indeed!

This is only accomplished by having a strong relationship with God, being persons of integrity, and discerning the path to virtuous, Gospel centered decisions. Do we bring a well formed conscience to our daily choices?

Baptism is so incredibly important for the salvation of humankind, not only eternally, but here and now. Our existence depends upon it. The Gospel anchors us in the God given virtues of faith, hope, and love. It orients us to truth and that truth brings joy. It is only through baptism that we can remember, accept, and deal with the sins and inequities of our past regardless of how hurtful and serious. If we ignore the past, collectively or personally, or pretend that it never happened, we will never grow. It is amazing that when we actually put on Christ so much changes.

People need to hear the message, lived and spoken, delivered by the baptized members of the Body of Christ. It is an essential message of hope that is layered with visions of justice, peace, reconciliation, redemption, blessing, and healing. It is a message that helps us remember what has gone before, the graces and the sins, and bring ourselves by God’s help where we need to be. We are called to do much more than sit home behind our closed doors. We have a message to deliver. The challenge comes in accepting the risk of preaching the Gospel. While we may have all we need in our baptism to do so, we have to find the willingness within to actually pull it off. We have to be willing to move from just giving lip service to our brothers and sisters throughout the world and actually relating to them as spiritual siblings.

We cannot ignore the immigrant, the migrant, the orphan, the cold, the hungry or the sinner. We cannot continue to choose the protection of life when it suits us and its demise when it doesn’t.

This is the beauty of being the Body of Christ collectively. The responsibility for the mission of the Gospel does not fall on any one person. It does, however, require that all of the baptized members of that Body realize who they are and take their faith to the streets. Our credibility depends upon doing this successfully. We also need to support one another as we strive to achieve God’s vision. Our political systems are broken, people are lost and hurting and there is great sadness across the globe. It is all too easy to mistake what is purported as being politically correct with ultimate truth, forgetting that there are principles and ideals that need to be in place to effectively govern our lives. We will face more difficult times before it gets better. But we have a hope with us that the world cannot give. It is our identity in God sealed in our baptism that assures us that God is with us and will use us to heal God’s world. Are we ready to do so? *Fr. Mark Suslenko*

Mass Guidelines—There are several limitations in place: masks must be worn and there is social distancing in place. Communion will only be given in the hand, gloves removed. A limited amount of people will be allowed in the church to allow for social distancing. If you are not comfortable coming to mass in the church, please stay home. There is a dispensation in place where you are not obligated to attend. The church will be open 20 minutes prior to mass beginning. Please enter by the **front doors** and **exit on the sides**.

Receiving Communion—Please remember that when receiving Communion come to the center aisle **ONLY** making one single line. Keep your mask on until close to the priest or deacon. The priest will be distributing communion at the Altar (Sanctuary section) and the Deacon by the baptismal font. Do not try to come to communion by the side aisles! After you have received, return to your pew by the side aisles. Mass will continue as normal. To be safe, remember (1)keep your mask on, (2)keep safe distance, (3)avoid crowds and (4)wash hands frequently.

Parish Collection—Collection baskets will remain on the altar and front door. We appreciate your generosity and ask you to place your donation into the basket before you leave the Church. In these difficult economic times, no gift is too small and every gift is sincerely appreciated. Please accept our humble gratitude.

Covid Social Distancing Guidelines—Please remember both before mass, and especially after mass, to not gather by the doors of the church so people can get by—for both inside the church and outside. Also, please do not stand on the altar and talk. Masks should be worn and we need to remember that we **MUST** social distance so our beautiful church does not have to close due to spikes of Corona Virus.

Online Bereavement Support—Due to Covid 19, live sessions are not allowed. Currently online sessions are offered on Tuesdays, either at 4:30 or 7pm. 4:30pm register in advance for this meeting at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84451222222>; 7pm <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84451222222>. After registering you will receive a confirmation email containing info to join the meeting. One-on-one sessions can be arranged at 508-678-2828 or 508-642-0583 or rsaraiva@dfrcs.org or rosemarysaraiva@gmail.com.

New Covid Restrictions—There are now sign ups in the entrances at all masses. Please sign up for contact tracing in the event someone is positive for Coronavirus. Write your first and last name and phone number and write as clearly as you can. Also, Please **enter via the front doors of the church only**. The only exception to this would be if you need to use the handicap entrance. Please be considerate to all others attending masses! After mass, please exit via the side doors and go directly to your car. Do not stay in the church or near the outside exits and talk making it difficult for people to exit or follow social distancing.

Advent Folders—If you have not already done so and were planning to, please return your Advent Folder as soon as you can. Thank you!



Assessment Collection—Continues on the fourth Sunday of each month. **January 24** is our next collection for the Assessment. Please be as generous as your circumstances allow. Thank you for sharing your treasure.

Sanctuary Lamp—If you would like to have the Sanctuary Candle lit in someone's memory, please contact the parish office. The Sanctuary Lamp this week is in memory of Thomas Lutoff.

Live-Streamed Mass—Every Sunday our 10am mass will be live streamed on our Facebook site and on YouTube. To access YouTube, follow this link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAgbkRTUAYKJHuZd2AJUfsw> or Search St. Patrick's Wareham Mass and click at logo of St. Patrick Church.

Christmas Flower Memorials

Joan Powilatis, Brian Powilatis, Andree and Herve Lavoie, Doris and Charles LoCicero, L'Homme Family, DiBenedetto Family, Marani Family, LeBeau Family, William and Phyllis LeFavor, George Averill, William and Columbia Maglione, Peter Rose, Skip Rand, Eleanor Saunders, Paul and Theresa Cardalino, Arthur and Helen Florentino, Mary E. McKinney, Dawn Andrews "My Dawny", James B. Newman, Deceased of the Clements Family

The Christmas mailing went out the first full week of December. Unfortunately, there have been many problems with the Post Office and the schedules for masses, along with the flower envelopes, were not received in time for Christmas. Our apologies! All flower memorials will be published as they are received.

Adult Confirmation—Online sessions for those wishing to be confirmed 18 years of age and older begin February 18. A registration fee of \$45 will be payable to the Office of Faith Formation. These sessions are run by the Diocese. All interested should meet with their pastor prior to registering. More information will be provided if you are interested and have registered. Please contact the Parish Office at 508-295-2411.

Secular Franciscans—The monthly meeting of the Secular Franciscans will be held Monday, January 11, at 6pm in the Parish Hall. All are welcome. Social distancing will be followed and you must wear a mask.

Everyday Stewardship—When God Whispers—"You don't need to shout. My hearing works just fine." Are you a parent that has used that one on your kids? I'm not sure at what age they realize that the volume of their voice doesn't correlate to the likelihood of receiving a favorable reply — it might be sometime in the teenage years, when the talking slows down altogether. But I've got to admit, it would be nice if God always gave us a loud and dramatic sign when He wanted something — the booming voice and the torn-open heavens ("This is my beloved Son!") really get the message across. Sometimes I find myself envious of the Apostles, who were able to witness such things in person. The fact of the matter is, in the year 2021, God is more likely to speak in a whisper than in a shout. The prophet Isaiah forewarns that Christ himself will not be a noisemaker — for all his preaching, he will not cry out or shout to bring forth justice to the nations. His way is altogether different than that. We are not the Apostles, and we do not have the privilege of seeing the Holy Spirit descend on Christ like a dove. But here's the good news: God doesn't need to shout. Our spiritual hearing works just fine. We just have to be listening. Let's wake up each morning ready to hear God's whispers throughout the day. Let's make a conscious effort to invite those whispers into our hearts, where they can become a catalyst for grace in this world.

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