



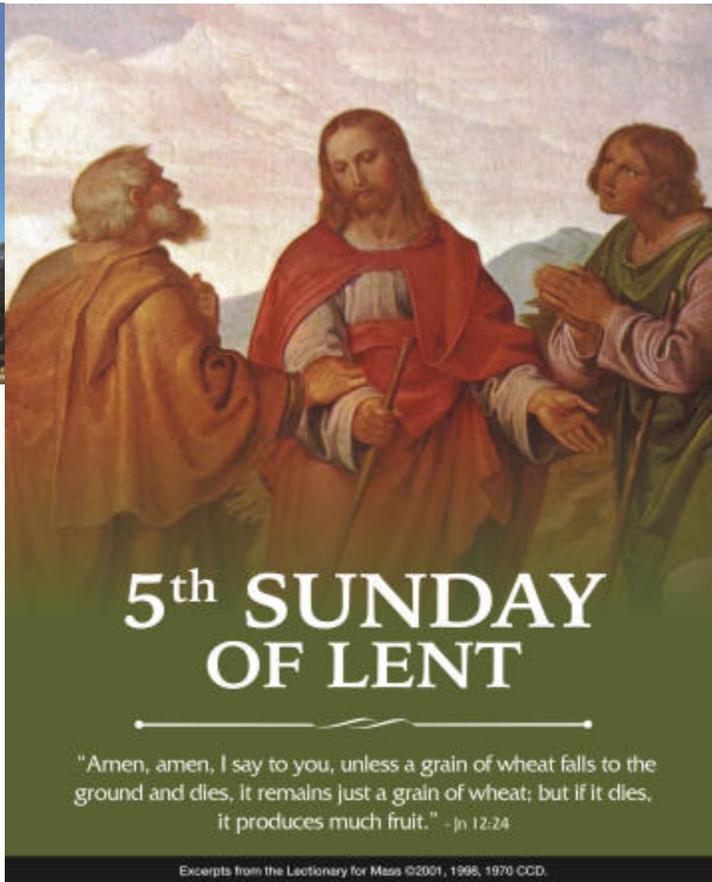
## St. Patrick's Parish

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



## St. Anthony Chapel

35 Gault Road  
W. Wareham

Mass Time

Sunday 9am

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**Rev. Antonio L. da Silva, S.D.V., Pastor**  
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**Deacon David Murphy, Pastoral Associate/Faith Formation Director**  
**Maureen Lindquist, Office Manager**

**Office Hours: Monday—Friday 8am-4pm, closed 12-1pm**

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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 June. 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](mailto: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*

**ST. PATRICK: Week of March 21**

**SAT 4pm** Joan and Brian Powilatis  
**SUN 8am** For the People of Our Parish  
**10am** George and Mary Shaw  
**12pm** George Zine  
**MON 8am** Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Montanero  
**TUE 8am** Ida Petrosillo  
**WED 8am** Marie and John Gabriel  
**THU 8am** St. Jude  
**FRI 8am** Gloria Losier

**6:30pm**

**SAT 8am**

**NEXT WEEKEND: Week of March 28**

**SAT 4pm** Juliette Roderick  
**SUN 8am** For the People of Our Parish  
**10am** George Zine  
**12pm** William A. Sobieraj

**ST. ANTHONY: Week of March 21**

**SUN 9am** For those with Special Needs

**NEXT WEEKEND: Week of March 28**

**SUN 9am** Chad Rusinoski

**Stewardship Report**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**—“If anyone would serve me,” says Jesus in today’s Gospel, “let him follow me; where I am, there will my servant be.” In what way is Jesus inviting me to follow Him? What service is He asking of me?

**Sunday, March 14**

Cash	\$ 1,382.00
Checks	\$ 2,600.00
Mail ins	\$ 775.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,767.50</b>

*Prayer*

*Lord Jesus, Sustain us on our Lenten journey  
 Give us the courage to follow you to pick up our cross and die to  
 Self so we can encounter you in the suffering of others.  
 Open our eyes to the treasures that are ours  
 Through the Church you founded so that we may draw on the  
 wisdom of the ages on our way to the heavenly inheritance  
 You have in store for those who believe in you. Amen.*

**Readings for the week of March 21, 2021**

**Sunday:** Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 or Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

**Monday:** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [4ab]/Jn 8:1-11

**Tuesday:** Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 [2]/Jn 8:21-30

**Wednesday:** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Jn 8:31-42

**Thursday:** Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 11 [8a, 9a]/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

**Friday:** Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42

**Saturday:** Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Jn 11:45-56

**Next Sunday:** Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

**Gospel Reflection for the Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**Spiritual and Religious**

**March 21, 2021**

Many people say they are “spiritual but not religious.” Generally, they mean that they believe in a “higher power” without belonging to a church or adhering to dogmas. They claim to have respect for all religions, picking from each the teachings that suit the “god of their understanding.” For them, religion is not a communal reality, but a personal, interior experience.

There is some truth in what self-described spiritual people believe. Religion is a matter of the heart and spirit. We all carry within us the ability to hear God’s voice speaking to us through our consciences. Our hearts were made to love God above all things. When we look within, we already find a basic understanding of God and His plan for our lives. God created us to be spiritual.

In this Sunday’s first reading, God announces that He is about to establish a new covenant. Unlike the old covenant written on stone, this covenant will be written on the heart. As Jeremiah describes it, no one will need to be taught the ways of the Lord because God will reveal Himself to the heart of each believer. This is what we commonly mean by the word “spiritual” — to have an interior relationship with God.

However, God is talking about something more than a natural desire or ability to know Him. Rather, this personal relationship with Him is a gift. It is not ours through birth, but through baptism. God’s Spirit who writes this new covenant in our heart, who speaks to our spirit about the ways of truth and love, is given to us through baptism and faith. The Holy Spirit is not something we can receive just through personal reflection or meditation. We receive the Holy Spirit when we become members of a community of faith. We receive the Holy Spirit by practicing religion.

Jesus gives us more insight into what it means to be genuinely spiritual in this Sunday’s gospel. The “hour” of Jesus’ death is near, so he takes the opportunity to instruct his disciples about what it means to be his follower. Jesus says, “Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.” Just so, the spiritual person is willing to follow Jesus when it’s inconvenient, painful, and costly. The truly spiritual person will follow Jesus even to the cross. The person with genuine insight into spiritual matters realizes that Jesus cannot be separated from his cross nor can eternal life be separated from death to self.

The words of Jesus are very different from what we typically hear from people who describe themselves as “spiritual but not religious.” For them, being spiritual is not about dying to self but of enriching oneself. It is not about knowing God as He has revealed Himself in Scripture and in Church teaching so that we can humbly serve others, but about having secret knowledge that gives one a sense of superiority over others. This so-called “New Age” spirituality is really something very old — trying to achieve the glory of heaven without the shame of the cross.

Jesus invites us to be both spiritual *and* religious. He wants us to worship him in a community of believers. He wants us to gain wisdom by drawing on the words of Scripture, the teaching of the Church, and the insights of the believers who have gone before us. Most of all, he wants to encounter us in the Eucharist. This abundance of spiritual riches is ours through baptism and faith. It is a taste of heaven given to those who have decided to pick up their crosses and follow Jesus.

*Doug Sousa*

**Mass Guidelines**—masks must be worn and there is social distancing in place. Communion will only be given in the hand, gloves removed. 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. Communion will be distributed at the Altar (Sanctuary section) 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.

**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.

**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.

**Covid Restrictions**—Please remember to sign in at the entrance when you attend mass. 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.

**Lenten Guidelines**—Every person 14 years of age or older must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday and every Friday of Lent. Every person between the ages of 18 and 59 must fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting consists of one full meal per day, with two smaller meals that do not add up to a full meal, and no snacks.

**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.



Daily Mass 8am Monday—Wednesday

**Tenebrae**—Thursday 7pm

**Holy Thursday, April 1**

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm

**Good Friday, April 2**

Stations of the Cross 2:15pm

Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3pm

**Holy Saturday, April 3**

Easter Vigil Mass 8pm

**Easter Sunday, April 4**

Masses at 8am, 10am, 12noon at St. Patrick's  
9am at St. Anthony's

**Assessment Collection**—Continues on the fourth Sunday of each month. **March 28** 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 Antonio Chase.



**Great News - Worldwide Marriage Encounter has gone "Virtual"!**—To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. 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/>. "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." We must die to self to give more in our marriage. Learn how to be the best spouse possible by participating in a virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience on April 8-29 Mondays/Thursdays Mondays April 8-29 or Friday/Saturday/Sunday April 23-25.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** are Friday in the Church. Mass at 6:30pm followed by the Stations of the Cross. During the Stations of Cross everyone should keep their own place in the Church and not move around like in prior years.

**BIBLE CLASS DURING LENT**—is live streamed every Tuesday from 6pm-7pm. Fr. Rowland and Deacon David will be the moderators of this wonderful opportunity to learn the Word of God and to prepare oneself spiritually for this great season and for life. The link will be posted on the parish website as well as facebook.

**Confessions**—During Lent, Confessions will be held from 8:30-9am and 3-3:30pm on Saturdays in the confessional in the church. Confessions will be face to face only, no kneeling. Please do not miss the opportunity to receive the sacrament before Easter.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**—Jesus promised St. Faustina that on Divine Mercy Sunday "The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment." Please join us Sunday, April 11, at 1:30pm, for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and recitation of The Chaplet of Mercy. Come to celebrate God's Mercy and forgiveness. For more information call 505-295-2411. Deacon David Murphy will be the coordinator. After the celebration we will have a light outdoor reception.

**St. Patrick's Food Pantry**—Stop & Shop has a new program called **Bloomin' 4 Good**, that works to fight hunger in our local communities. In this program, every \$9.99 Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet sold sends a \$1 donation to a hunger organization local to the store in which it was purchased. For the month of April, St. Patrick's Church St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry has been selected to receive a \$1 donation for every \$9.99 Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet with the red circle sticker sold at the Wareham store. This is a great idea for Easter flowers and helps the food pantry as well!



The Parish Offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday, April 1 and 2, in observance of Holy Thursday and Good Friday. Please plan accordingly. We will reopen on Monday, April 5, at 8am.



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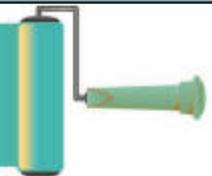
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