



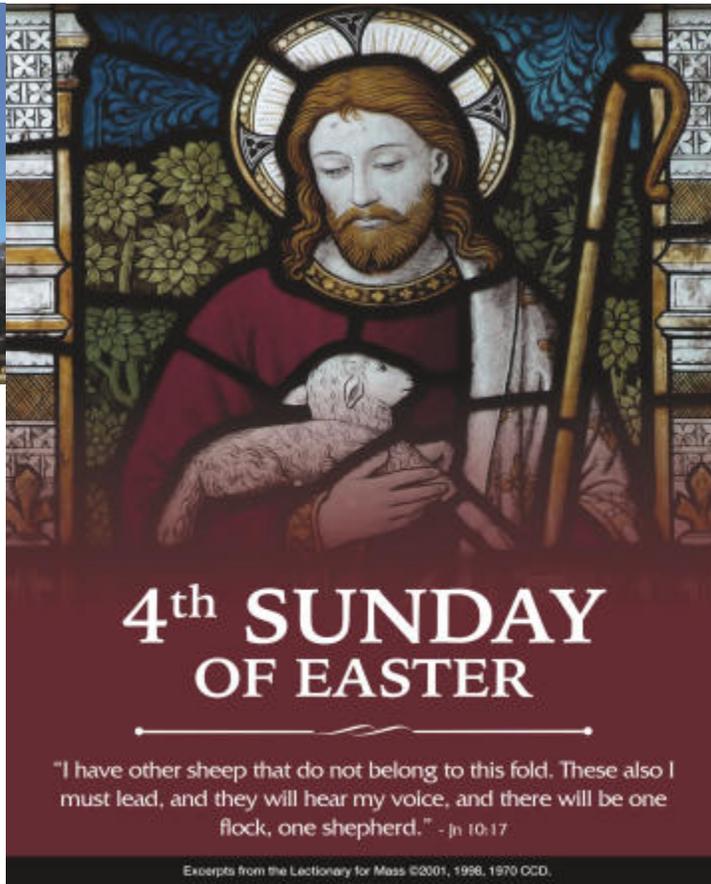
## St. Patrick's Parish

82 High Street  
Wareham

Mass Times

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

Reconciliation Saturday 3-  
3:30pm or by appointment



## St. Anthony Chapel

35 Gault Road  
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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**

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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 July. 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 April 25**

**SAT 4pm** Robert Anderson  
**SUN 8am** Charles VanderStaay  
**10am** For the People of Our Parish  
**12pm** Alva and Manuel Motto  
**MON 8am** In Honor of St. Jude  
**TUE 8am** Crystal Brightman  
**WED 8am** John English  
**THU 8am** Louis Marani and Albert L'Homme  
**FRI 8am** Manuel Corey Andrews  
**SAT 8am** Geraldine Jones

**NEXT WEEKEND: Week of May 2**

**SAT 4pm** Avelino Silva  
**SUN 8am** Raymond Mott  
**10am** For the People of Our Parish  
**12pm** Alva and Manuel Motto

**ST. ANTHONY: Week of April 25**

**SUN 9am** Agnex Tassinari and Alice Melloni  
**NEXT WEEKEND: Week of May 2**  
**SUN 9am** For the People of Our Parish

**Stewardship Report**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**—To be good stewards we must be good shepherds, willing to lay down our lives for those committed to our care, not mere hired hands who run off, “leaving the sheep to be snatched and scattered by the wolf.”

**Sunday, April 18**

Cash	\$ 1,686.00
Checks	\$ 2,952.50
Mail ins	\$ 852.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,490.50</b>

*Prayer*

Take, Lord, receive all my liberty  
 My memory, understanding,  
 my whole will, all that I have and possess.  
 You gave it all to me, Lord;  
 I give it all back to you.  
 Give me only your love and your grace;  
 With these, I will be rich enough,  
 and will desire nothing more.

**Readings for the week of April 25, 2021**

**Sunday:** Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18  
**Monday:** Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 3a]/Jn 10:1-10  
**Tuesday:** Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [117:1a]/Jn 10:22-30  
**Wednesday:** Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 [4]/Jn 12:44-50  
**Thursday:** Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/Jn 13:16-20  
**Friday:** Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab [7bc]/Jn 14:1-6  
**Saturday:** Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 14:7-14  
*St. Joseph the Worker:* Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 12-13, 14 and 16 [cf. 17b]/Mt 13:54-58  
**Next Sunday:** Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

**Gospel Reflection for the Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**April 25, 2021**

My favorite scene from CS Lewis' "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe" is the one where Aslan is sacrificed by the White Witch. The Christological themes are ripe, worthy of much discussion. What strikes me most poignantly during the Easter season is how Aslan describes to Lucy and Susan his miraculous resurrection from the dead. "...though the White Witch knew the Deep Magic, there is a magic deeper still which she did not know... when a willing victim who had committed no treachery was killed in a traitor's stead, the Table would crack and Death itself would start working backward."

A willing victim. That's Jesus in today's Gospel about the Good Shepherd. "No one takes my life from me, but I lay it down on my own." Jesus' intrinsic freedom is the shining quality here. He was not "compelled" or "obligated" or "coerced" into the path that led to Calvary: he chose it and would not permit alternatives to even be considered (cf. Mt 16:23). He embraced a direct path that would lead to his demise, but also to his victory.

The Church recognizes the sublime quality of interior freedom, which is certainly connected to the notion of salvation from sin which we continue to celebrate during the Easter season. When a couple gets married in the church, they are asked in public if they have come of their own free will. When religious and monastic men and women make their lifelong commitment to their communities, they make the profession of evangelical poverty, chastity, and obedience. These vows must be made in freedom lest the choice lack this shimmering quality of Jesus' self-offering which we are all invited to imitate.

St. Bonaventure extolls, for example, this virtue of poverty in the life St. Francis: "Among the supernatural gifts which Francis received from God, the Generous Giver, his love for absolute poverty constituted a special privilege which enabled him to grow rich in spiritual wealth. He saw that it was the constant companion of Jesus, but now that [poverty] was being scorned by the whole world, so he espoused it in undying love. 'Gospel poverty is the special way to salvation. It is the source of humility and the root of all perfection; its fruit is manifold, though unseen. This is the treasure hidden in the field of the Gospel to buy which we must sell all, and anything that cannot be sold should be abandoned for love of it.'" Our community describes it this way: "Gospel poverty cannot be a willing self-sacrifice without love, and love cannot be Christian without the self-sacrifice of poverty. It is an ascetical discipline that protects our life in God. The logic of poverty is found in love, and the highest expression of love is found in the Cross. Therefore, evangelical poverty makes ultimate sense only in light of the cross of Jesus." We might describe this as a "radical frugality and simplicity" in the face of modern consumerism and materialism.

The willing self-offering of love for the sake of love touched so deeply the tender hearts of Susan and Lucy when they witnessed their beloved friend's demise. To a greater intensity, the same response of gratitude and awe gripped the heart of the Blessed Mother as she stood on Calvary's Hill that day. The same admiration is given to those religious who are brave enough to willingly make a sacrifice of their lives for the sake of love, in imitation of Jesus, who has become their love's choice. It is not the exclusive choice of a few, but the royal path for all who wish to be a follower of Jesus: voluntary renunciation of self is not its obliteration, but a discovery of and transcendence of a self recreated in the image and likeness of God Himself. It cannot be done all at once, nor is it a one-time deal: it is a daily decision, motivated by love as a response to Love's invitations.

St. Francis knew a secret: whatever he laid down willingly, the Father would honor and bless abundantly. During this Easter season, let's set our hearts to discover that secret as well!

*Br. John-Marmion Villa*

**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.

**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.

**St. Patrick's Food Pantry Bloomin' 4 Good**—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. As of mid-month April, the Pantry has earned \$59 in this program! Thank you!

 **CONFIRMATION** Our confirmation students will be confirmed by Bishop Edgar da Cunha on Thursday, April 29, at 7pm. Please pray for them as they prepare for their sacrament! Confirmation is reserved for students, their sponsors, and families under Covid restrictions.

**Cemetery Beautification**—We are constantly trying to keep St. Patrick's Cemetery looking beautiful. With this in mind, please be reminded that we begin our Easter clean up the week of May 3. If there are items on your graves, please remove them prior to this. If we remove items, you can retrieve them near the garage. Remember planting of flowers is in accordance to your deed and only allowed on the front of the grave up to 12". No shrubs or bushes or curbing of any type is allowed. Water for planting will not be turned on until June 1, so bring it with you.

**Assessment Collection**—Continues on the fourth Sunday of each month. **April 25** 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 for a Special Intention.



**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/>. Jesus is the good shepherd and laid down his life for us that we may have new life. Give your marriage new life by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience (English) on Mondays/Thursdays May 3-24 and Thursdays/Mondays June 3-24.



**"Time to Gather, Time to Heal, Time to Love"** - The 80th Annual Catholic Appeal begins May 1. Since 1942, the Appeal has helped people in all phases of life – from children, to youth, to parents, to the elderly. Your support sustains the numerous agencies, programs, and ministries providing food and shelter, educating children and adults, and meeting the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of thousands. We encourage you to support the Appeal as generously as you can. You can make a one-time gift, or, a pledge with convenient payments throughout the year. You can give by mail, use a contribution card located in church, or make your gift or pledge online at: [www.givefrdiocese.org/2021](http://www.givefrdiocese.org/2021).

The first mailing for the Catholic Appeal (formerly called Catholic Charities) was sent by the Diocese April 16. Please make your returns in the envelope provided. **Please DO NOT send your returns to the Parish Office or in the collection basket. If you do, they just get forwarded to the Diocese at our expense.** Last year our parish raised \$36,780! The Catholic Appeal runs from May 1—June 30.

**Confessions**—Every Saturday from 3-3:30pm. Please be on time for confessions since we also will be preparing for mass.

**Holy Hour for Vocations**—April 25th is celebrated as World Day of Prayer for Vocations. On this Sunday of the Good Shepherd we will have adoration and prayers for vocations at 1pm. All are invited to attend.

**Eucharistic Minister Meeting**—On May 1 at 11am we will have a meeting for Extraordinary Eucharistic ministers to discuss the procedures of how to bring communion to the homebound and distribute communion in the Church. All should make an effort to participate because on May 2nd we will resume having Eucharistic Ministers at our liturgies. Ministers will not be assigned until AFTER the meeting.

**Altar Servers**—We will resume having altar servers at our celebrations beginning May 2. Only two servers at mass, they must wear a mask and sit 6' apart. The sitting apart applies only if they are not members of the same family. If your children want to be altar servers, please contact Deacon David, Fr. Rowland, Fr. Antonio, or contact the parish office.



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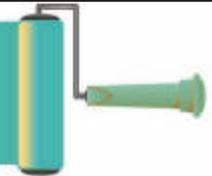
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