



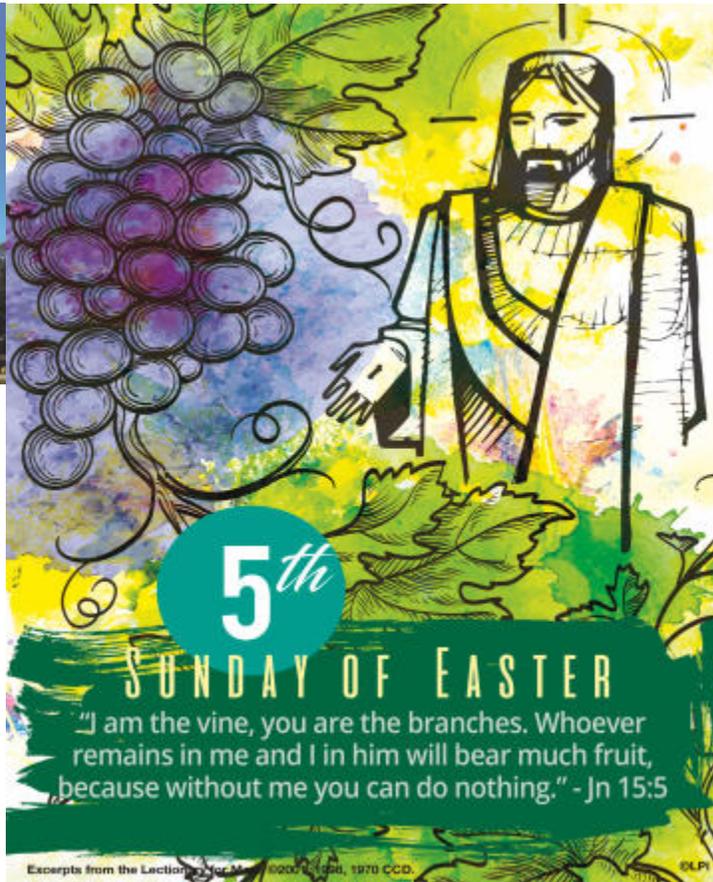
## St. Patrick's Parish

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  
W. Wareham

### Mass Time

Sunday 9am

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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 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 May 2**

**SAT 4pm** Avelino Silva  
**SUN 8am** Raymond Mott  
 10am George Zine, Jr.  
 12pm William A. Sobieraj  
**MON 8am** Jack English  
**TUE 8am** In Honor of St. Jude  
**WED 8am** All Souls in Purgatory  
**THU 8am** Francis and Margaret Murphy  
**FRI 8am** Blanche Pedro  
**SAT 8am** In Honor of St. Jude

**NEXT WEEKEND: Week of May 8**

**SAT 4pm** For All Mothers  
**SUN 8am** For the People of Our Parish  
 10am For All Mothers  
 12pm For All Mothers

**ST. ANTHONY: Week of May 2**

**SUN 9am** For the People of Our Parish  
**NEXT WEEKEND: Week of May 8**  
**SUN 9am** For All Mothers

**Stewardship Report**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**—In today's Gospel Jesus says that God is glorified when a disciple, grafted in Christ, produces abundantly and bears much fruit. The disciple must then be a good steward of that abundance.

**Sunday, April 25**

Cash	\$ 1,427.00
Checks	\$ 2,502.00
Mail ins	\$ 1,057.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,986.00</b>

*Prayer*

Lord Jesus,  
 You are the vine and we are the branches  
 Because of you we are alive.  
 Because of you, we bear fruit.  
 As we reach out to you,  
 Keep us mindful of the needy  
 Who yearn to be reached out to.  
 As we stretch out our hands to you,  
 Let us also stretch out our hands to the hungry  
 so that the fruit we bear in you  
 May nourish others. Amen

**Readings for the week of May 2, 2021**

**Sunday:** Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8  
**Monday:** 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Jn 14:6-14  
**Tuesday:** Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/Jn 14:27-31a  
**Wednesday:** Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8  
**Thursday:** Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 [3]/Jn 15:9-11  
**Friday:** Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/Jn 15:12-17  
**Saturday:** Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21  
**Next Sunday:** Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

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

**Staying Connected to One Another In Christ**

**May 2, 2021**

After college, I entered a program in Rome that required me to be away from the country for two years with no possibility of returning home. These were the days before the internet, Zoom, and Facebook, when even phone calls were expensive. As the time for me to leave drew near, I was feeling sad at the possibility of losing touch with so many people I had come to love. When I shared this with my pastor, he told me, "The Jesus you will be praying to in Rome is the same Jesus your friends will be praying to here at home." Those simple words reminded me that, even half a world away, I would remain connected with my friends through the mystery of faith and prayer.

At the Last Supper, Jesus faced the prospect of leaving his disciples. He wanted them to know that although he would no longer be with them physically, his presence would nonetheless still be very real and active among them. And so, Jesus used the image of the vine to describe the ongoing connection he would have with his followers even after his death and resurrection. Just as the branch is vitally connected to the vine, so the believer is vitally connected to Jesus. And just as, apart from the vine, the branch shrivels up and dies, so those who are not connected to Jesus have no life within them.

The Last Supper is the only place where Jesus uses the image of the vine, but it repeats a theme which echoes throughout the gospel of John — that Jesus "stays" or "remains in" his disciples and that they "stay" or "remain in" him. For example, when Jesus asks the first disciples what they want, they do not ask him, "Where are you going?" but, "Where are you staying?" This "remaining" points to the mystery of Jesus' ongoing presence within his disciples.

The fact that we each sprout individually from the vine which is Christ does not mean that we are separated from one another. Jesus connects us not only to himself but to one another. Together we form the one vine which extends its branches throughout the world and bears fruit in love. The woman who folds her hands to pray in Tennessee draws life from the same source as the man who kneels down in Bangladesh. The teenager who visits the sick in Buenos Aires does so with the same love that moves a rich woman to give her coat to a homeless person in Lisbon. It is the same Jesus who continues to be present and active throughout the world just as he promised his disciples.

At the Eucharist, we gather to witness the transformation of "the fruit of the vine and work of human hands" into the very life blood of Christ. It is the source of our life and its highest expression. We offer with the gifts of bread and wine all that we are and all that we have done. It does not always seem like much. But we offer it precisely so that it can be transformed into something beyond our power to achieve. Pondering the mystery of the life of Jesus within us will make us grow in our longing to be united with him through Holy Communion. And it strengthens our sense of unity with other Christian believers throughout the world.

*In Christ we remain connected to one another through him.*  
 Douglas Sousa

**I am the vine, and you are branches.**

*-John 15:5*



**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) or baptismal font.

**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.

**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.

**POPE URGES GLOBAL MONTHLONG PRAYER MARATHON TO END PANDEMIC**—Pope Francis has invited Catholics worldwide to take part in a marathon of prayer during the month of May for an end to the Covid-19 pandemic. This global prayer initiative calls for a daily recitation of the Rosary in this month dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Each day in May at 12 noon EDT on Vatican online media platforms, there will be a livestream broadcast from a different Marian shrine around the world to lead the Rosary prayer. Bishop da Cunha is encouraging the faithful of the Fall River Diocese to take part, joining their prayers to this critical cause. People can join the Vatican online platform at noon, they can pray on their own at a convenient time, they can gather as family or as a group at home to pray, or they come together as a parish community to pray in the church. Please use whatever means fits your particular situation.  
<https://www.catholicnews.com/pope-calls-for-monthlong-global-prayer-marathon-for-end-of-pandemic/>

**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 Thomas Lutoff.



**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/>. "Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me." Learn how your marriage can bear fruit on the next English Worldwide Marriage experience on Mondays/Thursdays, May 3-24 or Thursdays/Mondays, June 3-24.



**"Time to Gather, Time to Heal, Time to Love"**—The 80th Catholic Appeal has begun. Please *gather* with your fellow parishioners in bearing witness to those in need in our communities, and *heal* and *love* through your generosity. The agencies and apostolates funded by the Appeal provide compassionate care to our neighbors in need, such as hospital chaplaincy and pastoral care in our nursing homes, programs that uphold and protect a culture of life, food services for the hungry, care for children in crisis, and much more. Make your secure gift or pledge online today at [www.givefrdiocese.org/2021](http://www.givefrdiocese.org/2021)

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.

**Altar Servers**—We will resume having altar servers at our celebrations beginning this weekend. 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.

**May, Month of the Rosary**—Every Friday during May at 6:30pm there will be Adoration and the rosary in the Church. We will pray for an end of Covid 19 and for vocations. All are welcome to attend.

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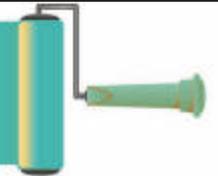
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