



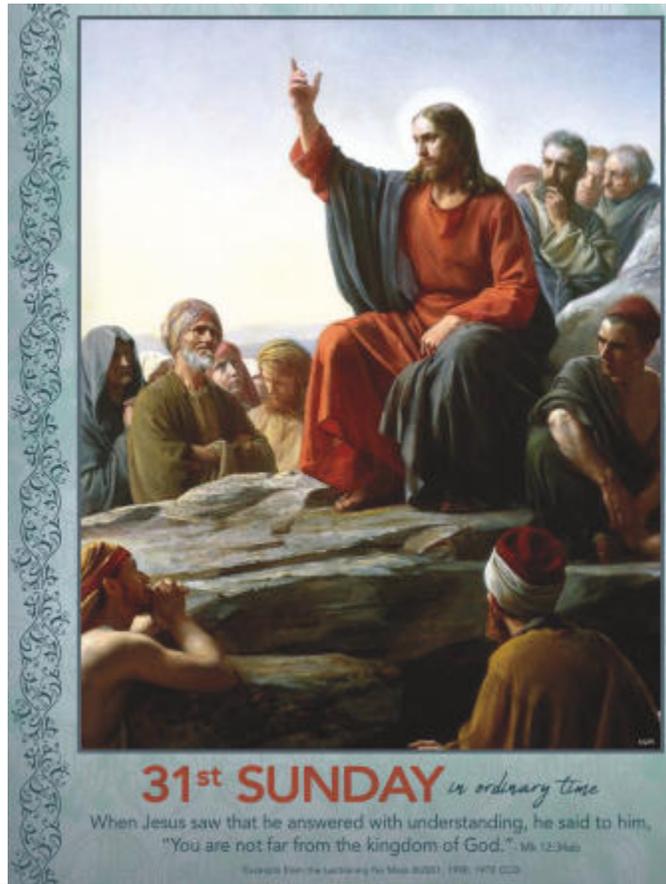
St. Patrick's Parish

82 High Street
Wareham

Mass Times

Saturday Vigil, 4pm
Sunday 8am, 10am, & 12pm
(10am live streamed on FB or
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAgbkRTUAYKJHuZd2AJUfsw>)

Reconciliation Saturday 3-3:30pm
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
Rev. Patrick Nwachukwu, S.D.V., Parochial Vicar
Deacon David Murphy, Pastoral Associate/Faith Formation Director
Maureen Lindquist, Office Manager

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

Faith Formation Office—508-295-0780
Email: davidmurphy@stpatrickswareham.org

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 February.

Call the Rectory, 508-295-2411, if you have homebound parishioners who would like to receive the Eucharist or the Sacrament of the Sick.

Divine Mercy—Every First Sunday of the month at 1:30pm in the Church.

Confessions—Saturday 3-3:30pm. Please be on time since we also will be preparing for mass. Please continue to wear your mask in the confessional.

 **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.

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

ST. PATRICK: Week of October 31

SAT 4pm John and Izabel Carreiro
SUN 8am For the People of Our Parish
10am Claire and Arthur Walsh
12pm William Maglione
MON 8am Florence Arcouette
12:05pm
7pm
TUE 8am Carmel Franciosa
7pm For All The Deceased in the Parish
WED 8am Pamela Cormier
THU 8am Samantha Baldasaro
FRI 8am Louise Enos
SAT 8am

NEXT WEEKEND: Week of November 7

SAT 4pm Robert Anderson
SUN 8am Michael DiPersio
10am Cathy DeMoranville
12pm Herbert Barrett

ST. ANTHONY: Week of October 31

SUN 9am Charlie, Dick, and Bob Santos
NEXT WEEKEND: Week of November 7
SUN 9am Greg Stiles

Stewardship Report

31st Sunday of Ordinary Time—What percentage does God ask of me as a good steward? All of my heart, all of my soul, all of my mind, and all of my strength!

Sunday, October 24, 2021

Cash	\$ 1,812.00
Checks	\$ 3,966.50**
Mail ins	\$ 600.00
Total	\$ 6,378.50

(**reflects \$1,700 from two very generous parishioners**)

PRAYER

Lord, help me to authentically love You with my whole heart, mind, soul and strength. Help me to have such an honest love for You that it also overflows into my love for others.

May Your precious gift of holiness permeate my life and enable me to love You and others in a total way.
 Jesus, I trust in You.

Readings for the week of October 31, 2021

Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Heb 7:23-28/
 Mk 12:28b-34
Monday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/1 Jn
 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
Tuesday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1 or 4ab]/Rom
 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40a
Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9 [5a]/Lk 14:25-
 33
Thursday: Rom 14:7-12/Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk
 15:1-10
Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Lk
 16:1-8
Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11
 [1b]/Lk 16:9-15
Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Heb
 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

**Gospel Reflection for the 31st Sunday of Ordinary Time
 October 31, 2021**

Christians did a great disservice to themselves when they lost touch with Israel's Shema prayer: "Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!" Jesus was very familiar with this prayer and references it in his teaching on the commandments. These simple yet powerful words are at the center of a devout Jew's habit of prayer, recited both in the morning and the evening, on Yom Kippur, and traditionally as one's last words before death. It is a constant reminder that God alone is God, a lesson of which we must be reminded regularly. We can easily make many other things our "gods." When we follow a different compass we can suddenly find ourselves off center, lost and feeling disconnected. Only God can be our true north. There are no substitutes. If we take a good look at ourselves, there are many things that we make unnecessarily important. We can be more devoted to serving and securing them rather than the genuine God of our lives: our Maker, Sustainer, and Redeemer.

Jesus also makes a point of intimately linking the love of neighbor with the love of God. Acts of kindness are important. Many people's lives get turned around as a result of them. We read such stories all the time: of courageous police officers doing incredible work for their community and charitable acts for those in need, a food-service employee reaching out to someone who is hurting, a classmate standing up for someone who is bullied, and the lonely, homeless, and friendless human being comforted by someone who truly cares. But is doing a few of these "random acts of kindness" every once in a while enough to fulfill Jesus' commandment? As good and effective as these gestures are, they alone are not enough. It is not sufficient to check the "random act of kindness" box on our Christian "to-do list" and then move on to other things. Does being a good Christian mean simply obeying the laws and requirements of our faith? Or, is there more to it than that?

It's not about laws. Being a devout believer is about attending to our relationships. Jesus wants to make sure we have the first one straightened out so that we can properly attend to the others. This is where religion steps in. Good, healthy religion is not about simply articulating laws and demanding conformity. True religion is about relationships. A good, healthy religion inspires, cultivates, and nurtures our relationship with God so that it pervades and influences all our other relationships, including those with our neighbor. A religion that is exclusively about navel-gazing, obtaining personal merits, and securing a place in heaven is nothing close to what Jesus had in mind. What religion needs to help us with is learning how to live sacred lives. We will find ourselves fulfilling all the precepts of the law in both word and deed not because we *have* to but because we *want* to. Love, fully embraced, changes our motivation. Everything is connected.

Even if good fruit is born as a result of our positive actions, it is ultimately useless if our relationships with God and our neighbor are misaligned. Looking to God as the one, true God and not falling for seemingly more satisfying substitutes, is the only way to purge ourselves from the self-interest, pride, and personal agendas that easily color our loving. Jesus reminds us that life is a sacred dance featuring ourselves, our neighbors, and God. It is a dance choreographed by the Master Composer himself. We cannot risk forgetting that God is God, as God is in all things, before all things, and the end of all things. We are drawn to the heart of our neighbors because of God's sacred presence alive in their souls. God's divinity flows through the sacredness of life. Opening ourselves to the voice of truth puts a corrective into our lives that may be hard for some to swallow. It will require us to change up our opinions about things, redirect our loyalties, care less about the world's agenda, and make some difficult choices. It will not be the most popular road to travel but it's the only one that leads to life.

Fr. Mark SuslenkoS.

Bishop Stang High School—a college preparatory high school in Dartmouth welcomes parents and students of all middle school grades to attend an Open House event on either Sunday, November 7, from 12-2pm (in person) or Tuesday, November 9, at 6:30pm (virtually via zoom). Faculty and students are excited to highlight all that makes Bishop Stang and outstanding, faith-based, college preparatory program. Pre-register for either event at bishopstang.org.

Receiving Communion—As a reminder, communion will continue to be in the hand only



Looking for that special gift? How about a gift of prayer? **St. Patrick's Prayer Shawl Ministry** is actively making shawls, the outward sign, knit with much prayer, the true gift. Interested in joining? We meet every other Saturday at 1 pm in the basement of the Parish Hall. Call Jane Mansfield at 508-395-3663 for information on shawls or joining.

Annual Appeal—The Annual Grand Appeal has ended. The Appeal raised \$30,569 to date in our Annual Appeal this year! Thank you for your generosity.

Vocationist Fathers Annual Raffle—Thank you to all who donated by entering the raffle. St. Patrick's raised \$3,920 towards the raffle! All prize winners will be placed in the bulletin once they have been drawn.

All Souls Day Remembrance—There is a tradition of placing the names of our faithful departed on the altar or in a selected place during November—the month when we usually pray in a special way for all the faithful departed. All Souls envelopes will be placed on the altar for the month of November.

All Souls Day Mass—The annual All Souls Day Mass will be on Tuesday, November 2, and hosted by Chapman Funerals and Cremations and Wareham Village Funeral Home. All those who have died this past year will be remembered during this mass.

All Saints Day—Is not a Holy Day of Obligation; however, we will have masses on November 1 at 8am, 12:05pm, and 7pm.

Wedding Anniversary Celebration: will be celebrated with a special Mass of Thanksgiving for couples observing significant wedding anniversaries (including first year) during 2022. This celebration will take place Sunday, February 13, 2022, at 3pm at St. Mary Cathedral in Fall River. If you would like an invitation, please contact the Parish Office prior to November 17.

Parish GPS: All parishioners are invited to attend our Parish GPS event on Saturday, November 20, from 12:30-4pm. Parish GPS is an inspiring afternoon for parishioners to gather, prepare and learn how to evangelize and grow our parish, especially in light of Bishop da Cunha's recent pastoral letter entitled "Journeying Together".

The event will be led by Mr. David Carvalho – Diocesan Secretary for the New Evangelization, along with Deacon Chris Paul – Diocesan Director for Adult & Child Discipleship, both of our Diocese's Secretariat for the New Evangelization. Light refreshments will be served. To RSVP, please contact the Parish Office.

Marian Pilgrimages will conduct a Question and Answer and information session at St. Patrick's Parish Hall on Sunday, November 7, from 3-5 pm, for those interested in or have signed up for the March 2022 pilgrimage to the Holy Land. If you cannot attend, more info is available from Paul or Lisa Foley at 508 748-3300 or 781 878-4500.

Assessment Collection—Continues on the fourth Sunday of each month. **November 28** is our next collection for the Assessment. Please be as generous as your circumstances allow. Thank you for sharing your treasure.

The Assessment Collection for November will be Sunday, November 28—**NOT** November 24 as the budget envelopes show.

KofC Breakfast—The monthly Sunday breakfast is November 7, in the Parish Hall. A free-will offering supports the Knights' charitable events.

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.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter—To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and are seven sessions on weekdays from 7-9:30pm. 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.wmema.org/>. "The second is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Your spouse is your closest 'neighbor'. Learn how to love your spouse by participating in the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience.

Bereavement Support—The Diocese continues to offer online support groups and hopes to begin offering live sessions in the Fall. These online virtual programs are being offered through Catholic Social Services on Tuesdays. The links to register for either of the one-hour sessions are as follows: 4:30pm—<https://bit.ly/SupportGroup4> or 7pm—<https://bit.ly/SupportGroup7>. In addition to the online sessions, one-on-one sessions are also offered via phone. For more information, contact Rose Mary Saraiva at 508-674-4681 or 774-253-4097 or by email at rsaraiva@cssdioc.org.

St. Patrick's Cemetery—The Cemetery is a sacred area where we bury and honor our deceased loved ones. It is a place where we honor and respect should be followed. Because of this, we have removed, and will continue to remove, any and all Halloween decorations or decorations not appropriate for a cemetery.

Knights of Columbus—The Knights of Columbus is an international order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others and defend values in a busy, changing world. Fr. Grogan Council #15280 will be holding a membership drive at all Masses on Sunday, Nov. 7th. Please join us in the parish hall for breakfast for more information. Whether you become an individual member or a member of our council you will find that Knights of Columbus membership brings Catholic men together in a powerful way. If you would like to join today, simply go to KofC.org/joinus and enter our council #15280 for more information.

Secular Franciscans—The November meeting of Secular Franciscans is Monday, November 8, at 6pm in the parish hall. All are welcome!



The Parish offices will be closed on Thursday, November 11, in observance of Veterans Day. Please plan accordingly.



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