



## 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



## THE HOLY FAMILY

He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52

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## 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**  
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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 March.

**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](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 December 26**  
**SAT 4pm** Robert Anderson  
**SUN 8am** For the People of Our Parish  
 10am Ruby Zine  
 12pm George "Sonny" Miranda  
**MON 8am** Lisa Oliver Son  
**TUE 8am** Ellie Saunders  
**WED 8am** Carlos N. Leita  
**THU 8am** Manuel Sylvia  
**FRI 8am** Stefania L'Homme  
 4pm Manuel and Claire Sylvia  
**SAT 8am**  
 10am

**Above masses for New Year's ONLY!**

**NEXT WEEKEND: Week of January 2**  
**SAT 4pm** Columbia Maglione  
**SUN 8am** Imgard Carol Sbordn  
 10am For the People of Our Parish  
 12pm Annie M. Cardoza  
**ST. ANTHONY: Week of December 26**  
**SUN 9am** Arthur and Rose Gladu  
**NEXT WEEKEND: Week of January 2**  
**SUN 9am** Greg Stiles

**Stewardship Report**

**Holy Family**—The first reading today provides a challenging blueprint for the good stewardship of our family relationships. How do I measure up?

**Sunday, December 19, 2021**

Cash	\$ figures unavailable due
Checks	\$ to early transmission
Mail ins	\$
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>

**Prayer**

*Heavenly Father, you have given us the model of life in the Holy Family of Nazareth. Help us, O Loving Father, to make our family another Nazareth where love, peace, and joy reign.*

*May we love one another as God loves each one of us, more and more each day, and forgive each other's faults as you forgive our sins.*

*Help us, O Loving Father, to take whatever you give and give whatever you take with a big smile. St. Teresa of Calcutta*

**Readings for the week of December 26, 2021**

**Sunday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52  
**Monday:** 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8  
**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18  
**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35  
**Thursday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40  
**Friday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18  
**Saturday:** Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21  
**Next Sunday:** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

**Gospel Reflection for the Holy Family**

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**

**December 26, 2021**

Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.

Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too.

**LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

It was the best of times and it was the worst of times. Our families can bring out the best and the worst in us. This is true of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our church, our society, and the like. In all of our family experiences, what stands out as our most challenging memory? Everything human can be found on the pages of family life. But there is also a Divine story to be discovered as well. When life gets difficult and perplexing, today's Feast of the Holy Family stands to remind us that it is not just by human effort that we tread treacherous waters. We have to remember and learn from the Divine effort too. We need this perspective if our love lessons are going to be learned completely and well. We are all works in progress and we all come from homes that are broken by imperfection. In whatever life brings us and in whatever family we find ourselves, may the promptings we feel toward faith and hope lead us to greater love.



**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.

**New Year's Mass Schedules**

Friday, December 31—4pm St. Patrick's only

Saturday, January 1

8am and 10am

**THE SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 1/2 WILL REMAIN AS USUAL. THERE WILL BE A 4PM MASS ON Saturday, January 1 for Epiphany—THAT COVERS THE SUNDAY OBLIGATION ONLY.**

**Christmas Flower Remembrances**—William Loucks Family, Edward D. Murphy Family, Herbert J. Barrett, Attilio and Marjorie Borsari, George Averill, Edward and Kate Stinson, Early and Agnes Averill, Mary, Ed, and Joe Stinson, Donald Higgins, Sr., Raymond Daniel, Pamela Daniel Elchuck, Cecilia O'Roak, Lisa Oliverson, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel McNearney, Mary A. McNearney, Brian D. Simmons, Jr., Marshall and Mary Bugg, Arthur Douylliez, Montrond Family, Loved Ones, Margaret and Thomas Davitt, Jose DeJesus and William Rogers, McDonnell and DelGrande Family, John T. Serpa, Lovie Silva, Gazza, Fournier, and Kelley Families, Joseph Stec, Victor and Evelyn Gallerani, Marani Family, de-Benedetto Family, Michael McMorris, McNevin Family, L'Homme Family, LeBeau Family, John and Emiline Faria, McClarnon Family, Dennehy Family, Caldorolla Family, Manuel and Claire Sylvia, Sterphanie Haskell Davis, Eleanor Saunders, Emily O'Brien, Donelan and Whealan Families, Erik and John Pina, Theresa and Arthur Collins, Jr., Jean and Daniel Donahue, Marie and William Costa, Betsy Walton, Alberta and Bob Joy, Bess and Arthur Collins, Mary and Paul Collins, Anthony P. Hathaway, Jay K. Montague, Mr. and Mrs. William W. O'Brien, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Sylvia, Sr., Harrington Family, Christian Iacobucci, Oliver M. Silva, Jr. Carmen and Leo Allen, John C. Raymond, Guy Stephens and Carrie Lynne Stephens, Louise Brogioli, Corcoran/Boutiette Families, Helen and Charles Lyons



The Parish Offices will be closed at noon Thursday, December 30, and reopen Monday, January 3.

**Assessment Collection**—Continues on the fourth Sunday of each month. **December 26** is our next collection for the Assessment. Please be as generous as your circumstances allow. Thank you for sharing your treasure.

**KofC Breakfast**—The monthly Sunday breakfast is January 9, 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 this week is in memory of Stefania L'Homme.

**Celebrating the Twelfth Days of Christmas**

1. On the first day of Christmas...Read the Christmas story (Luke 2:1-21) Rejoice! Jesus is born!
2. On the second day of Christmas...The feast of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr. Promote Christianity and almsgiving
3. On the third day of Christmas...The Feast of St. John the Evangelist. He was called from his fishing boat and stood by Jesus' side during crucifixion. Consider ways you may be an evangelist. Pray for those who devote their lives to spreading God's word.
4. On the fourth day of Christmas...The Holy Innocents are remembered December 28. These infants were slaughtered at Herod's order when he learned that a new king was born. Pro-life groups observe this day as a special day of prayer for the unborn.
5. On the fifth day of Christmas...Surprise someone today with a Christmas gift!
6. On the sixth day of Christmas...Light all the candles on your Advent wreath or light another candle and pray this to keep the light of Jesus shining in your home: *O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice; come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death (O Antiphon from December 21)*
7. On the seventh day of Christmas...Seek the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Pray and ask for God's grace and guidance in the coming year
8. On the eighth day of Christmas...January 1, Mary, Mother of God. Think about this very young woman accepting God's call with incredible grace. Start your day with the Hall Mary!
9. On the ninth day of Christmas...remember those less fortunate in prayer today and consider how you can help in the coming year.
10. On the tenth day of Christmas...Epiphany, the arrival of the Three Wise Men. Do a house blessing. Used blessed chalk and inscribe the Magi's initials above the door (C, M, B—Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar): + 20 + C + M + B + 22
11. On the eleventh day of Christmas...Keep the spirit of Christmas alive. Carry the "merry" by giving a gift, singing Christmas carols, baking cookies.
12. On the twelfth day of Christmas...Re-read the Christmas story, then write a message to yourself and family about peace, hope, and joy of this year to pack away with your decorations to read next year! Then pray this blessing before packing away the manger:

*God of every nation and people, from the very beginning of creation you have made manifest your love; when our need for a Savior was great, you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary. To our lives He brings joy and peace, justice, mercy, and love.*

*Lord, bless all who look upon this manger; may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus and raise our thoughts to him, who is God with us and Savior to all, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen*

**Christmas Blessings to All Our Parishioners and a Very Happy New Year!**



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