

Saint Aidan ☩ Saint Patrick Parish

July 25, 2021



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?” Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. - Jn 6:9, 11



Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 24, Saint Sharbel Makhluf, Priest
4:00 PM - Jack Keenan

Sunday, July 25, 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM - Wendy, Wanda, and Tony Perolli by the Bara Family
11:00 AM - Barbara Cranshaw by family

Monday, July 26, Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00 AM - Filomena Lupo

Tuesday, July 27
8:00 AM - St. Aidan—St. Patrick Parish Community

Wednesday, July 28
8:00 AM - Rev. John J Farley

Thursday, July 29, St. Martha
8:00AM - Stanley Kumiega

Friday, July 30, St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
8:00AM - St. Aidan—St. Patrick Parish Community

Saturday, July 31, St. Ignatius of Loyola
4:00PM - Nancy Carr McCrorie by family

Sunday, August 1, 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM - Patricia (Pat) Boyd by friends
11:00 AM - Jeanette DeLude by family

Readings for the week of July 25, 2021

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/
Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [1a]/Mt 13:31-35
Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [8a]/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9 [cf. 9c]/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11 [2]/
Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
St. Martha

Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab [2a]/Mt 13:54-58
St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 [4]/Mt 14:1-12
St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Next Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

INCOME REPORT

July 18, 2021

Weekly Offering:	\$ 3,687
Maintenance:	\$ 247
Parish Outreach:	\$ 76

Catholic Charity Appeal Update: As of July 19, 2021 our parish has pledged \$40,870 of our goal of \$47,500.

Online Giving

Online giving is available at <https://aidan-patrick.weshareonline.org/> for anyone that wishes to make donations to our parish collections. For any questions or concerns, please call our office at 401-333-5897. Thank you to all of our parishioners who continue to donate to aid our parish in its mission.



Save the Date!

Our annual parish picnic will take place Sunday, September 12, 2021.

More information on how to RSVP will be provided soon!

Annual Mission Appeal Update

This week, Rev. Dinh VoTran, A.A., an Assumptionist priest born in Vietnam, is preaching at all the weekend Masses as part of the annual Mission Appeal within the diocese. The Assumptionist Province of North America is specifically responsible for the mission in East Africa (Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda), Mexico, and the Philippines. Our donations will help to provide personal and financial assistance that is indispensable in order to maintain their charitable works as well as formation programs for both clergy and laity. This year in our parish, the annual mission appeal falls on a weekend where there is a second collection for parish outreach. We have dedicated this collection to the work of the Assumptionists. All the donations to the Outreach Collection this month (in-pew, online and mailed-in) will be directed toward the efforts of the Assumptionists.

Pastor's Column

A couple of months ago I sent maps of Mt. Calvary Cemetery to "Grever and Ward" a landscape design company that specializes in cemetery design. We had already completed a land survey of Mt. Calvary along with an environmental study that identified the "wetlands" located on the cemetery grounds. With this information, Grever and Ward were able to design a plan for the future development of the cemetery. The total acreage of the cemetery is just over 15 acres. Of these 15 acres, there are about 3 ½ undeveloped acres that could be developed as burial grounds. The plans we received from Grever and Ward are "Master Plans" for the cemetery. They include the development of six new sections with a total of over 3000 new graves. With those statistics, this plan could be used for the next 40 years. This year, we are looking at developing a new section in the field opposite the northern end of Section K. It will be the smallest of the six new sections proposed by Grever and Ward. This section could provide over 200 new graves. There will be pre-poured concrete foundations for grave markers in this section similar to the layout for sections I and K. This will be a section of all single graves with the possibility of the purchase of interment rights in two adjoining graves that could be used as a double grave. Now, a bit of terminology. In "cemetery speak" a grave refers to a trench dug for burial. The terminology goes back centuries but it is mainly in the last century that cemeteries began to bury graves that were extra deep to allow for the burial of two caskets. Furthermore, with the growing practice of cremation, there could be an additional room for the interment of two or more urns. Therefore, a "single grave" could be the burial place for up to six individuals and a "double grave" could be twice that number. In addition to developing a new burial section, just south of this section will be a space for a new cemetery garage and storage area for surplus soil. We are also planning to demolish the old garage at the southern end of the cemetery, abutting St. Basil Cemetery. With the garage demolished, we plan to use the concrete slab that was the floor of the garage as a place for outdoor cemetery Masses and committals. The concrete slab will also be extended on three sides to allow for columbariums for the interment of cremated remains. We envision two columbariums on the eastern side of the plaza that would allow for 48 to 96 niches as well as two columbariums on the north and south sides of the plaza. As I mentioned, there is a section of wetlands that we have identified in the cemetery. It is more of a vernal pond that appears in the spring and has dried up by the summertime. However, with the development of the cemetery we have to adhere to the contours of the grounds and we realize that as the wetlands are the lowest part of the cemetery, this area could become a more permanent wetland as we further develop the cemetery. The plans from Grever and Ward take all this into account. They have designed one section that includes these forested wetlands.

As this section will be the lowest part of the cemetery, we could designate this area as a "cremation only" section. Because cremated remains do not need to be buried as deep as casketed remains, there is no need for heavy machinery, like a backhoe, to prepare graves in the section. In this area we could use smaller equipment that would allow for more trees and plantings in the area. The options for cremation interment are much broader than full body burials. Burial plots in a cremation only section could include both interments (burials in the earth) and "inurnments" (placing urns in niches in smaller, grave-stone sized columbariums). This section of the cemetery would be more of a "Cremation Garden" and it could also be the place for an outdoor Stations of the Cross on the cemetery grounds.

Can Good Donations

You will notice in the entrance of the church a large basket. These items are collected for those in need. If you are able, the food pantry is looking for the following items:

Canned Foods: fruits, vegetables, soups, spaghetti sauce

Dried Foods: rice, pasta, cereal, instant oatmeal, fruit, crackers, cooking spices

High Protein Foods: canned tuna/chicken, canned beef stew, peanut butter, canned nuts, red beans, black beans, refried beans (canned or dried)

Children's Favorites: baby food (no glass containers), infant formula (Enfamil preferred), mac & cheese, canned/boxed juices.

Thank you for your generosity!

Parish Office Updates

Here in New England we have the highest rate of fully vaccinated people in the country. Of the fifty states, the five states with the highest percentage of fully vaccinated people are: Vermont [65.54%], Massachusetts [61.47%], Maine [60.89%], Connecticut, [60.54%], and Rhode Island, [58.78%]. These figures are as of the CDC reporting of June 29th. Given that the state of Rhode Island is surrounded by the fully vaccinated, once we have reached or passed the rate of 60% of fully vaccinated we will change from "requiring" "masks to "encouraging" masks—especially for the unvaccinated. Of course, the wearing of masks will always be optional for those attending Mass even after this pandemic ends and we only have to fear the flu and the common cold.

Faith Formation Corner

Registration for Faith Formation is now open for the 2021-2022 year. Classes will begin in September. For sign ups, please go to our website: <https://www.staidan-patrick.org/>

Class schedules will be out soon! Thank you for your patience.





Flocknote

In case you missed our announcement at masses, our parish is excited to announce a new communication system with you! To help us gather these groups together, our parish is partnering with a communications system called Flocknote. Flocknote helps us to gather our parishioners emails and phone numbers in order to help us be more communicative with you.

This will be a great tool for us, especially when we need to notify all of you quickly. For example, if there is inclement weather and we are not able to hold mass, we can easily notify all of you quickly through text and email. The system will not share the information you provide with any other systems. It is free for all of you to use and you can opt out of the system at any time. To sign up, we simply ask you to pull out your phone and text "APP" to 84576.

It will then text you a link to finish your sign up. When you click on the link, it will ask you for your name and if you have one, your email address. When you hit next, it will show you a list of our parish groups. You can click on any group to receive notifications for that group. For example, if you have a child in religious education, you can join the group religious education parents group. If you want to be notified about the women's group, you can join the women's group that you will see on the list. Once you click on all of your groups, you're sign up is complete.

If you don't have a smartphone, you can sign up at: <https://staidanstpatrickparish.flocknote.com/dashboard>. If you have any question, please don't hesitate to track down our pastoral coordinator, Moira, in the back of the Church or at the parish office at 401-333-5897.



In Loving Memory...

Every mass in our community is in memory of deceased members of our community, loved ones, and friends. It is our hope that when we gather for mass, we pray for the soul of the deceased. Although, our mass schedule has been reduced, we have much availability for memorial masses in the coming weeks.

Those interested in offering masses in memory of loved ones should call our office at 401.333.5897.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

It's All in the Basket

St. Therese of Lisieux made a point of going the extra mile in kindness towards those people who really got under her skin. It was part of her own brand of Everyday Stewardship — thanking God for all His creation, even the parts with which, in her own humanness, she struggled to cope.

I think about this a lot when I challenge myself to give thanks for things that bother me and people who challenge me. When I do this, I envision Christ giving thanks over those insufficient loaves. How many of us would see that paltry little basket and kick a rock in frustration because we can't feed all our people? "You didn't give me enough, Lord! You didn't give me enough patience, enough money, enough creativity, enough stamina to be a good steward. If you had given me more, I could also give more!"

In those moments of despair, we need to take a good look at the life God has given us. We need to look at the trials and the challenges and the shortcomings. The hopes that didn't pan out, the disappointments that keep cropping up. Somewhere therein lies what we need to be the steward God asks us to be, just as St. Therese's own stewardship was defined by the people she simply couldn't stand.

God does not give us all we want. He does not give us all we ask for. He does us one better: He gives us all we need. It's all in the basket.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Youth Ministry Donations

Now that summer has officially begun, the faith formation and youth ministry programs have some summer plans in the works.

We are looking for gently used or new of the following:

Lawn games: corn hole, ladder toss, ring toss, etc.

Sport Equipment: soccer balls, dodge balls, kickballs, badminton equipment, whiffle ball equipment, bases, etc.

You can bring them to mass with you or drop them off at the parish office, Monday through Thursday, from 8:30am to 4:30pm. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



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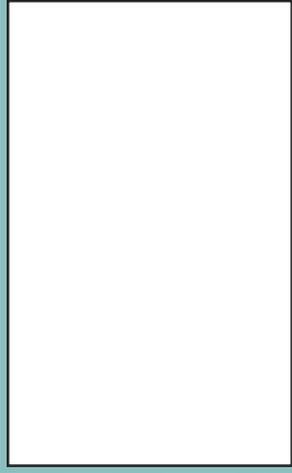
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