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JESUS AND HIS FLOCK

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 21, 2024

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mass schedule

Weekend of July 20 & 21

Sat. 4:30 P M + Jake & Rita Sohigian
By The Family (Mgr. John Doran)

Sun. 8:00 AM + Dorothy & Edmond Benoit
By The Family (Mgr. John Doran)

10:00 AM + Parishioners of the Parish
(Fr. Dennis Gallagher)

5:00 PM + Gerald Bacon
By The Family (Fr. Juan Escudero)

Week of July 22 —24

Mon. 8:30 AM + Eucharistic Service (Deacon Chris)

Tues. 8:30 AM + Holy Souls in Purgatory
Helpers of the Holy Souls (Deacon Chris)

Wed. 4:30 PM + Holy Souls in Purgatory
(Fr. Juan Escudero)

Thurs. & Fri. No Mass

Weekend of July 27 & 28

Sat. 4:30 P M + Parishioners of the Parish
(Mgr. John Doran)

Sun. 8:00 AM + Parishioners of the Parish
(Mgr. John Doran)

10:00 AM + Adrien Demarais 21st Anniv.
By The Family (Fr. Ted Brown)

5:00PM + Parishioners of the Parish
(Fr. Juan Herrera)

volunteer support

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SACRAMENTS:

Masses: Sat. 4:30pm; Sun. 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 5:00 PM
Confession: Sat. 3:30-4:00 PM

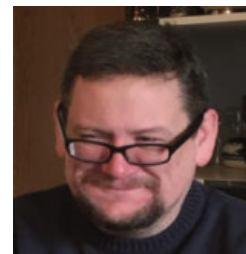
Call the Office for Information on receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Matrimony, Sacrament of the Sick and Homebound Visits.

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The Mass book is open for the months July-Sept. If you would like to book a mass in memory of a loved one, please call the rectory at 508-234-5656. The stipend for the Mass is \$10.00.

Reflections :



The story goes that an American couple traveling through the Irish countryside became caught in a “sheep jam.” Not having been to the Emerald Isle myself, I can only picture that in my mind. Surrounded by sheep on every side the driver decided the best thing to do was to “shoo” the sheep. Rolling down the window, he began to shout loudly, “shoo, shooo!” The sheep moved about uneasily but, they still could not pass. Frustrated, he decided to use the horn thinking that this would have the desired effect. “I never thought in all my life I would see a sheep mosh pit but, before my eyes they were jumping, running, and bumping into each other,” he said. The pure chaos of the situation always brings a smile to my eyes, though I must confess I feel sorry for the sheep. Why anyone would honk a horn at sheep in the middle of the road is beyond me (I suppose also a bit rude.) “Hey, hey” a man screamed at the couple. He pointed to a posted sign on the side of the road which read, DO NOT SCARE THE SHEEP.”

In the Book of Jeremiah, God cautions the leaders of the community not to mislead the flock — His people. It is clear to me that some of the shepherds, the religious leaders of the day, were not caring for the people. They frightened them, they chastised them vehemently, and blamed them for misfortune. As a result, the people had nowhere to turn and I suppose they must have questioned who this God was.

In the Gospel of Mark, Jesus is tired and hungry. We get a sense that he is exhausted by all the needs of the people, Yet when he arrives at the other side he sees that the people have followed him there. So deep was their faith and so dire their need, they were willing to travel anywhere to be with him. And in one of the most beautiful passages of scripture Mark tells us, “his heart was moved with pity for them.” Jesus is the Good Shepherd. Willing to sacrifice all things for the good of his children.

We are all called to be images of that shepherd in our lives. In our homes, places of work, and in our communities. People need to know that God loves them and we can be that voice of love in the world.

God Bless,
Deacon Chris

John 21 Community Garden

The **John 21 Community Garden Gang** has been very busy over the past few weeks. Our raised beds are now full of vegetable plants, seedlings and seeds. Thank you to those parishioners who donated plants and to those who have given their valuable time & effort. Anyone can sign up to help water and weed on the St. Patrick's website (www.mystpatrick.com) throughout the

Growing season. We've added a few new members to the

Garden Gang just this week and we look forward to adding more.

If you have never visited our gardens, take some time (possibly after Mass) and see what the Garden Gang is producing. Also, the Prayer Garden is a wonderfully peaceful place to visit. The space is in constant bloom with beautiful perennial

flowers and plants growing year-round.

If you have any questions, contact John Zywiec at jjzywiec@gmail.com.

Please pray for this meaningful ministry.



The John 21 Garden Ministry would not survive without the generosity of our parishioners and community members.

We would like to sincerely thank **Tim Labrie** and **L & M Landscaping** for the donation of mulch for the Prayer Garden. It takes a lot of hard work by our volunteers to keep our gardens healthy and beautiful, however donations such as this are vitally important.

Thank you again **L & M Landscaping!**

St. Pat's Garden Gang

Upcoming Second Collections:

July 21: Utilities

July 28: Young Neighbors in Action

August 4: Audio Visual Ministry

To Give a Contribution:

Text the word **mystpatrick** to the number 508-475-5725 and it will bring you to the link to donate.

Scan this **QR Code** with your phone and it will bring you to our giving link.



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For **VENMO** accounts, search business for:



Also, please consider St. Patrick Parish for a Charitable Bequest as part of your estate planning.



Week	Weekly Envelopes & Cash	Weekly Online	Weekly Total	Goal
6/16/2024	\$4,196.00	\$3,288.50	\$7,484.50	\$8,700
6/23/2024	\$3,136.00	\$1,916.50	\$5,052.50	\$8,700
6/30/2024	\$3,769.00	\$2,361.50	\$6,130.50	\$8,700
7/7/2024	\$4,925.50	\$7,193.50	\$12,119.00	\$8,700
7/14/2024	\$2,291.50	\$3,985.00	\$6,276.50	\$8,700
Average Weekly To-Date FY 2024	\$4,591.92	\$3,604.42	\$8,196.34	\$8,700

Renovation Debt Update

Last fall, the Finance Committee presented the financial results for the fiscal year that ended August 31, 2023 and also provided the budget for fiscal year 2024. At that time, the parish renovation debt was highlighted as an area of focus, with a goal of reducing the balance in the near term, and the ultimate elimination of the debt as quickly as possible. This debt was incurred in 2015 and 2016 for interior and exterior repair work performed during that time.

Our renovation debt balance was approximately \$122,000 at the end of last fiscal year. The interest rate on the debt is 7%.

The renovation debt balance currently sits at approximately \$64,000. This meaningful reduction to our debt is attributable to several factors. In the fall we applied a portion of our Legacy of Hope savings (\$25,000.) Also, in recent years our parishioners have generously responded to appeals requesting higher than normal second envelope donations for the Building Fund. As stated in those appeals, donations to the Building Fund are being used to pay down the renovation debt.

In addition, Agnes Beaulieu specified in her will that \$10,000 be contributed from her estate to the Building Fund and that amount was used to pay down renovation debt. Other factors that have reduced the debt include special contributions by individual donors, and requests from the families of recently deceased parishioners for memorial donations to the Building Fund in lieu of flowers. We thank all of you who have responded to the various requests to help eliminate our debt.

Finally, we are nearing the end of our current fiscal year which will occur on August 31, 2024. If our parish revenues for this year are expected to exceed our expenses, a portion of any surplus may be used to make further reductions to the renovation debt balance before the end of the fiscal year.



N.A.C. Backpack & School Supplies Drive – Can you help?



As Northbridge students ready for the upcoming school year we are asking for your help again this year. Like years prior, it will be a challenge for some families to provide their children with the necessary school supplies to enjoy a successful school experience. But we are sure people in our community will want to help. St. Patrick's, along with the other churches in town, is on a mission to help local students in need of school supplies. Each year NAC member churches donate the filled backpacks to the Department of Children & Families in Whitinsville.

Deadline for donating is August 18th. Any and all donations of backpacks, notebooks, binders, pens, pencils, paper, etc. will be greatly appreciated. You may leave your donations in the box at the entrances to St. Patrick Church.

School Supplies Needed:

Backpack, Hand Wipes, Colored Pencils, Pens: Red & Blue, Box of Tissues, 3 Ring Binder, Pencils, Glue Sticks, Packaged lined paper, Pencil Box, Hand Sanitizer, Packaged Plain Paper, Pink Eraser, Washable Markers, Water Paint Set, 6 Pocket Folders, Elmer's White Glue, 4 Notebooks, Crayons, Pencil Sharpener, Ruler, Highlighters, Scissors



With your help we can reach our goal!

The Partners in Charity Campaign 2024-25 has begun and our parish goal is \$50,000.

So far we have raised \$38,361.00 with 120 people contributing to this effort.

And with everyone's help, we can reach our goal! Please prayerfully consider donating to this worthy cause. There are envelopes in the back of the church for your convenience.

Thank you

Thank You!

**Thank you for remembering
St. Patrick's in your memorial
And will contributions.**

**A special thank you to the family of
Mary Lou Mioduszewski**

**Who asked for donations for
St. Patrick's Parish.**

**We greatly appreciate your generosity
in memory of your loved one.**



Let Us Pray for Those in the Service

Almighty God, we stand before you asking for your divine mercy and protection. Embrace with your invincible armor our loved ones in all branches of the service. Give them courage and strength against all enemies both spiritual and physical and hasten their safe journey back to their homes.

Please remember the following service personnel in your prayers as they serve and protect our country:

L.Cpl. Aaron Marshall, Okinawa, USS Dwight D. Eisenhower, U.S. Army, L.Cpl. Troy Monteville, Stateside, Capt. Jason Jordan, US Army, So. Korea, US Marine L.Cpl. Kevin James Sabin Lejeune, NC, Command Master Chief USSC. Ben Richards Charleston, South Carolina

Don't Forget ...

As we take summer to prepare for the fall, please help us out and register your child/ren for Faith Formation. We have classes for preschool through 11th grade. More information and registration can be found at our website: mystpatrick.com

Discover Venerini Academy at Our Summer Open House Event

Join us at Venerini Academy, a leading PreK-Grade 8 private Catholic School, for our Summer Open Houses on Wednesday, July 17 and Wednesday, July 31, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Explore the boundless opportunities awaiting your child! During this event, you'll hear inspiring stories from our dedicated staff and enthusiastic students, showcasing the vibrant and supportive community at Venerini Academy.

Limited spaces are still available for the 2024-2025 school year. We warmly invite interested families to attend, whether you're considering enrollment for the upcoming year or the future.

To register, please contact: Albert Ganem, Jr.
Al.ganem@veneriniacademy.com or call 508-753-3210 Ext. 3



St. Patrick's Now Has An AED (Automated External Defibrillator)!

St. Patrick's wants to thank Defibtech, LLC for donating a new Lifeline Automated External Defibrillator (AED) to the St. Patrick's Church. This type of AED is made for "lay rescuer" use and anyone can use them to help save a life. A calm voice leads the user through the rescue, clearly and concisely stating each instruction, one step at a time. Brightly lit progress lights provide clear visual text guidance to reinforce voice instructions.

This AED will be located in the Sacristy, and will be clearly marked and easily visible.

Safe Environment

As a reminder, our parish follows the guidelines of the national Charter for Protection of Children and Young People approved by the U.S. Bishops and the policies of the Diocese of Worcester in screening those who work with children in our care and in helping victims of abuse find healing.

Call Judith Audette, Victims Service Coordinator for our diocese at 508-929-4363 [direct line and confidential voicemail]

Office of Healing and Prevention Diocese of Worcester

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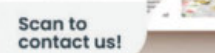
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