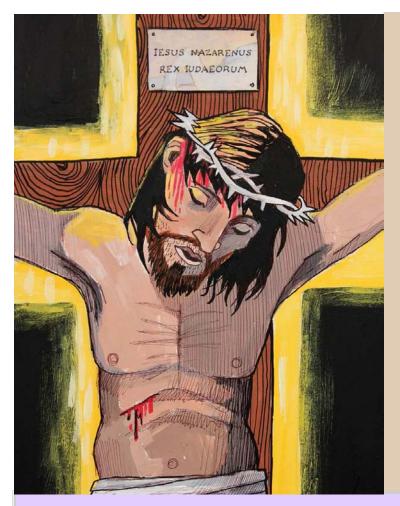
Fourth Sunday of Lent



Prayer for Conversion

Father of unfailing mercy, you sent your only Son into the world to save us. May we look to your Son, who was lifted up on the tree of glory,

and not allow the powers of darkness to hold us captive. You are the God who gathers the tired and the injured, the refugee and sinners, embracing all with immeasurable love and mercy. May your Son accompany us on the road to conversion and may our works of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving lead others to be touched with your boundless love. Entrust your holy people with a clear vision, leading us to focus our eyes on Christ, who is the Light of the World. Grant us the strength to walk always as children of the light, with our sight on the One who was lifted high on the Cross. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Sunday, March 15, 2015 The Cross of Christ

Today's Readings: 2 Chronicles 36:14 -16, 19 - 23; Psalm 137:1- 2, 3, 4 - 5, 6 (6ab); Ephesians 2:4 -10; John 3:14 - 21. Some might be surprised at the uplifting tone of the prayers and readings in today's Mass. We pray in the Entrance Antiphon, "Rejoice, Jerusalem," and in the Prayer over the Offerings, note that it is "with joy" that we place the offerings. It may not be widely understood that Lent has a joyful aspect. Today, on Laetare Sunday, when rose-colored vestments may be worn, we look past the seriousness of Lent and acknowledge our joy in Christ.

The readings provide the reason for our rejoicing. In the First Reading, we see that the Lord has compassion on his people, and in the Second Reading, that God is "rich in mercy." St. Paul's words to the Ephesians underscore that all we have is a gift from God. "By grace you have been saved," he says. Our grace comes to us entirely without our merit. Just as the Lord sent messengers to his people while they were unfaithful, he provides us with grace even while we are in sin. That grace has made us alive in Christ.

In John's account of the Gospel, we are told why God is compassionate and merciful to us. It is because he loves us. He "so loved the world that he gave his only Son" so that all who believe may have eternal life. With this knowledge, how could we live anything but joyful lives? How might you acknowledge your joy in Christ?

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MASS SCHEDULE Saturday: 4:30 PM Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM Monday– Wednesday 8:30 AM

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

Sunday	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Sunday	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Sunday	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Sunday	11:15 AM - 12:15 PM
Sunday	9:00 AM - 9:50 AM
	Sunday Sunday Sunday

Children are to attend the 10:00 am Mass and take part in the Children's Liturgy of the Word.

Grades 6, 7 & 8 Monday –6:45 PM - 8:00 PM Formal High School Classes will take place September-December at varied times. Special Sessions take place throughout the year check the weekly schedule for times.

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Welcome New Parishioners and Visitors

We are always happy to welcome new people into our parish community. If you have discovered our parish and like what you have experienced, why not become a member? Contact the parish office for more information.

Sacrament of Baptism: For information concerning our Parent and Godparent Preparation Program, please contact the Parish Office approximately three to six months before the child is born.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Confessions are offered every Saturday from 3:30 - 4:00 PM in the Church or by calling the Parish Office for an appointment.

Sacrament of Matrimony: Couples should contact a Parish Priest as soon as they decide to marry and before any other arrangements are made. The Diocesan policy requires a minimum one-year period of preparation.

Sacrament of the Sick & Homebound Visits

Please inform us when a family member is admitted to the hospital. Communion visits to the aged, sick, convalescing and homebound are a major concern to us. Please call the Rectory at 508-234-5656 to arrange these ministerial visits.

RCIA *The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* teaches the history, traditions and Sacraments of the Roman Catholic Church. Non-Catholics or Catholic Adults seeking information about full initiation into the Catholic Church, through Baptism, Eucharist or Confirmation, should contact Fr. Tomasz at the Parish Office (508-234-5656) or Ed or Pauline Rutana at 508-234-7089.

Music Ministry

Cantor Rehearsal: First and Third Tuesdays 7:00-8:30 PM Contemporary Music Ensemble Rehearsals: Second & Fourth Tuesday 7:00-9:00 PM

Shamrocks: Students age 6-12 Watch Bulletin for rehearsal times and events.

New Members are Always Welcome in any Music Ministry. **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

As a parishioner of St. Patrick's, you can request a Prayer Shawl for someone whom you feel needs comfort by calling or e-mailing Lucille at 508.234.2255 or <u>blharper@verizon.net</u> or call Shelly or Jackie at the rectory at 508.234.5656

SPiN--St. Patrick's in Action—Contact Shelly

Mombourquette to find out about this monthly service of giving back to our community.

NAC Food Pantry 508-234-4599

Open Tuesdays 10:00 AM-12:00 PM & Thursdays 1:00-3:00 PM

Catholic Charities 508-234-3800

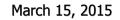
Contact Noreen Landry for support in times of need.

Bulletin Information Deadline

Information may be e-mailed to Nancy@mystpatricks.com or dropped off at the rectory by Monday evening.

St. Patrick Church, Whitinsville MA

Members of the family requesting the Mass are asked to bring the gifts of bread and wine to the altar. Please make yourselves known to the lector and sit near the gifts.



Fourth Sunday of Lent



The Mass book is open for the months of April-June. If you would like to book a mass in memory of a loved one please call the rectory at 508-234-5656.

If school is cancelled or	delayed for	Northbridge Public	School	s due to	inclement weather	then M	lass is cancelled.
Saturday March 14	4:30 PM	† Ed Quigley		By his Family			
Sunday March 15	8:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM	† People of St. P † Cathy Phelan † Robert Shaugh		By her Family By Cathy & John Morawski			
Monday March 16	8:30 AM	† Stephanie Spra	att	By her Mom & Dad			
Tuesday March 17	8:30 AM	† Warren Davis		By Nat	han & Family		
Wednesday March 18	8:30 AM						
Thursday March 19	No Mass						
Friday March 20	No Mass						
Saturday March 21	4:30 PM	† Lois Lorion		By her	Family		
Sunday March 22	8:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM	† Alice Boisvert † Rose Ricardi			raine Mombourqu n & Cathy Moraws		
SMTWTFS PLEASE NOTE Second Collection Schedule March 15-Utilities March 22-Catholic Relief Services Easter Flower donations							
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Monday March 16	Religiou	Religious Education Classes 6-8			6:45-8:00 PM	Center	
Tuesday March 17	Cantor	Rehearsal		7:00 PM	Chapel		
Wednesday March 18	Lenten	n Longings		7:00 PM	Chapel		
Thursday March 19	Festiva	al Choir			7:00 PM	Chapel	
Friday March 20	Fish &	Chips			4:30-7:00 PM	Center	
Saturday March 21	John 21	hn 21 Community Breakfast			8:00-10:00 AM	Cent	er
 Please consider joining us for any or all of the following Lenten Programs 1. Wednesday Night - 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm in the Chapel: Lenten Longing Small Group Session: For the Life of the World - All are Welcome. 2. Fill the Font: Bring non-perishable food, place in the Baptismal Font, To be donated to the "Peace of Bread" Ministry 3. Stations of the Cross: Good Shepherd, Linwood - 				Living Stations and e Middle School ease join us!!			

Friday evening at 6:30 pm.

April 5: Easter Sunday 10:00 AM

St. Patrick Church, Whitinsville MA

Dear Friends,

We reached the one-year anniversary of our John 21 Community Breakfast. Since John 21 opened its door on Saturday February 15, 2014, we have served over 6000 meals to our guests every Saturday. Close to 140 people are now involved in making this ministry the success that it is today. This is truly a miracle. The mission of John 21 is simple:

"St. Patrick's John 21 Community Breakfast ministry provides a free, nutritious breakfast every Saturday morning in the spirit of community fellowship and hospitality."

The guests who attend breakfast may need a nutritious meal because of unfortunate circumstances or they come to be with others. All are welcome. I recall a man who once attended the breakfast and he mentioned to a person serving that this was his first meal in three The ministry is more than a social service or a days. volunteer opportunity. We believe that it is first and foremost a continuation of Jesus' ministry of reaching out to the hungry, the thirsty, the lonely, the less fortunate and those who are in need of any kind. John 21 was inspired by Jesus' words to his disciples "Come, have breakfast..." from chapter 21 in John's Gospel. In that chapter, Jesus meets disciples on the shore, who despite of working the whole night, were not able to catch any fish. That meant: no income, no food, and no way to provide for their families. Jesus did not stand there indifferent. He provided as he did when he fed the multitude of five thousand with two fish and five loaves of bread, (Matt. 14:13-21).

The projected budget to operate John 21 for the year is approximately \$20,000.00. The cost is entirely covered by donations of food and monetary contributions, grants and pledges that have come from a large Northbridge community and beyond. We have begun this year with \$12,000.00, which is amazing and extraordinary because it puts our ministry in a solid financial state. The parish did not have to make any financial contribution this past year. That in and of itself is an incredible accomplishment since it was the first year of John 21.

We have also created a new logo for John 21:

The "O" in the logo is in the shape of the "host" we receive during Mass and the cross. What



the logo emphasizes, therefore, is the connection of John 21 Ministry to our celebration of Sunday Mass. It reminds us is that "the Eucharist is the source and the font of everything that we do as a community" as the Second Vatican Council reminded us over 50 years ago. If you are interested in serving at the John 21 Breakfast, we invite you to do what we call a "FIRST SERVE." Simple, come serve once, and if you feel that this is the ministry you wish to be involved in, you can sign up. For more information contact, Shelly at Shelly@mystpatricks.com.

I would like to thank all of you, who have made the John 21 Breakfast such a success, either through serving, financial donation, volunteering, or simply praying for John 21.

Blessed Lent,

Fr. Tomasz

This Week at Home

Monday, March 16, 2015 Bringing Others to Belief

The official in today's Gospel places his faith in Jesus even before he meets him. Because of that faith, Jesus healed the man's son. With that healing, others came to believe. Those new believers in Jesus came about because of the official's faith. In The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis says that we are all to be missionary disciples. In other words, the joy of our faith should attract others to Christ. Could you be accused of bringing others to faith? Today's Readings: Isaiah 65:17–21; Psalm 30:2 and 4, 5 – 6, 11–12a and 13b (2a); John 4:43 – 54.

Tuesday, March 17, 2015 St. Patrick, Bishop

The many legends of St. Patrick are widely known. It cannot be confirmed, though, that this fifth-century saint either taught with a shamrock or drove out snakes. What can be known about his life is what he wrote in his old age in his Confession. There, he tells of his dependence on God in prayer and the faith that sustained him while in captivity. Though happy when he was able to return to his homeland, he followed God's call to evangelize in Ireland. To-day's Readings: Ezekiel 47:1–9, 12; Psalm 46:2–3, 5–6, 8–9 (8); John 5:1–16.

Wednesday, March 18, 2015

St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church St. Cyril's Catechetical Instructions are still studied today. In those sermons, the bishop explained Church doctrine to catechumens preparing for Baptism at the Easter Vigil and the mysteries of the sacraments to the neophytes during the period after the initiation sacraments were received. This fourthcentury saint also was known for the mercy he showed. When a famine struck, he sold church goods so that the poor could eat. Today's Readings: Isaiah 49:8 –15; Psalm 145:8 – 9, 13cd –14, 17–18 (8a); John 5:17– 30.

Thursday, March 19, 2015

St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The few details about St. Joseph in the Gospel accounts provide a picture of a man of faith. Because of his faith, Joseph believed the angels who appeared to him, first telling him to take Mary as his wife and then to flee to Egypt with his family. Joseph was willing to follow God's lead, to go where God needed him to go. How willing are we to put our desires aside to follow God's path? Today's Readings: 2 Samuel 7:4 – 5a, 12 –14a, 16; Psalm 89:2 – 3, 4 – 5, 27 and 29 (37); Romans 4:13, 16 –18, 22; Matthew 1:16, 18 – 21, 24a or Luke 2:41– 51a.

Friday, March 20, 2015 Lenten Weekday

During this Lent, you might want to spend some time becoming more acquainted with the psalms. You may find that they speak to your needs, fears, joys, and sorrows. Today's Psalm 34 tells of how God tends to those who are faithful. He hears them when they cry out and rescues them from their troubles. Perhaps you would like to meditate on a psalm that speaks to how you are feeling this Lent. Today's Readings: Wisdom 2:1a, 12 - 22; Psalm 34:17– 18, 19 - 20, 21 and 23 (19a); John 7:1– 2, 10, 25 - 30.

Saturday, March 21, 2015 Lenten Weekday

In today's Gospel, we hear that some regarded Jesus as a prophet and others as the Messiah, while still others had contempt for him. It is tempting to consider this reading as a record of the past. But you can use this retreat time during Lent to ask yourself how you think Jesus is. Has the time that you have spent this Lent with the daily readings provided you with an intimacy with Christ? Are you willing to continue daily practices after Lent to nurture your relationship with Christ? Today's Readings: Jeremiah 11:18 – 20; Psalm 7:2 – 3, 9bc –10, 11–12 (2a); John 7:40 – 53.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

Class Schedule All Sunday Classes, Preschool through Grade 5, and Monday

classes, Grades 6 through 9 and Confirmation Classes will meet at the regular time this week. Grade 2 will not have class on March 22nd.I

First Communion Retreat- Next week, March 22nd @ 1:00pm in the Parish Center----- Reminder: There will be no regular classes for Grade 2 on that day.

Confirmation Reminders

Confirmation Classes – Last class this week on March 15th and 16th.

Confirmation Rehearsal - Wednesday, April15th @ 6:00pm at St. Gabriel Parish

Confirmation Day – Thursday, April 16th @ 7:00pm at St. Gabriel Parish

Cour Lady of the Valley Regional School OLV is a very caring community a holic Schools whose commitment to that community reaches far and wide. Last week the National Junior Honor Society worked on a community service project, the Annual OLV Red Cross Blood Drive. If you had been

there, you would have seen energetic and dedicated young NJHS members checking in donors and helping in any way possible. These honor students have also worked on group projects that extend beyond the local area: Shoes for Haiti, prayer cards, and student planners for our sister school in Arizona to name just a few. In addition, each student has their own personal service project. Such commitment, from such young people, should be recognized and applauded!



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12 days Airplane **Pilgrimage to Italy:**

Travel with Fr. Greg Zielinski and Fr. Krzysztof Korcz September 20-October 1, 2015. Please find the yellow flyers in the bulletin racks for more information.

Young Neighbors In Action 2015 Fish & Chips

Please join us on Fridays during Lent from 4:30 PM until 7:00 PM. Orders are available to take out or eat in. You may phone orders ahead starting at 4:00 PM at 508-234-3232.



Complete meals of Fried Haddock & Chips or Baked Haddock with Baked Potato are \$10.95. Mac & Cheese with Fries are \$5.00 All meals come with Cole slaw. Dine in includes a beverage and dessert. Clam Chowder will also be available at \$3.00 per cup and \$4.00 per bowl. Come enjoy great conversations as well as a wonderful meal.



Looking for ways to simplify your hectic schedule? Try Online Giving! Online Giving It is a secure and easy way to

make your weekly Sunday giving and other contributions such as Religious Education. We offer a convenient and safe way to make a one time or recurring donation. Getting started is easy! Just click on the website at mystpatricks.com/ on-line-giving to see how it works.

If you have any questions, call Jackie Trottier at 508-234-5656 or email her at Jackie@mvstpatricks.com.



Building Fund Progress Goal: \$370,000.00 Pledged: \$272,857.08 We have received 204 pledges and gifts as of March 10, 2015

Please remember to drop your pledge cards in the mail or in the basket next week. Misplaced your card? Not a problem! We have provided a convenient double-sided pledge card right here in the Bulletin.

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FAITH COMMITMENT

I would like to discuss my faith commitment with Father Tomasz

March 15, 2015



KNIGHTS The monthly meeting of **OF COLUMBUS** the Mumford Council #365, will be held this

Tuesday, March 17th at the Council hall. There will be a pre-meeting meal at 6:15 PM, followed by the meeting at 7:00 PM. If you are not a member of the Knights of Columbus and would like to join us, please talk to any Knight or visit <u>www.kofc365.org</u>.

Palm Sunday BREAKFAST – Sunday, March 29, 2015, 8am to 12noon, at the K. of C. Hall, 77 Prescott Rd., Whitinsville, MA

Included will be made-to-order omelets, French toast, sausage, eggs, home fries, and beans. Ticket cost is \$9 for adults, \$7 for seniors and \$3 for children 12 and under.

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Knights of Columbus 365 Scholarship: High school seniors who have a family member in the Knights of Columbus 365 can apply for a scholarship toward college, university, and post secondary schools. For more information and application deadline visit: <u>www.kofc365.org</u>



Fourth Sunday of Lent

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..." (John 3:16) Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank

God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we be generous in making some sacrifices for Him.



For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God." (Hebrews 3:4)



Prayer 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 and families. Amen

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

Pvt. Tyler Finnigan, US Army, Ft. Devens, MA L.Cpl. Aaron Marshall, Okinawa: -E-3, CMCN Spencer Sterck, Eric Hoyt, Machinist 1st Class, USS George H.W. Bush Aircraft Carrier, Sgt. Jennifer (Susienka) Barksdale, Ft. Lewis, WA, US Army, Spec. Christopher Barksdale Afghanistan , U.S. Army, L.Cpl. Troy Monteville, Afghanistan. Corporal Jesse Coggins Marines, Okinawa.

Specialist, John Dawson U S Army, Afghanistan



Budgeted Income YTD Actual Income YTD

\$206,461.50 \$199,187.27

Please prayerfully consider making up for the weeks that you were not able to come to mass. As you can see our finances in February were also affected by the weather. Thank you for your continued support of your Parish.



Save the Dates June 6th and 7th

June 6th 5K help us as we race to Poland

June 7th Polish Picnic will include the band Dennis Polisky & Maestro's Men

PRAY

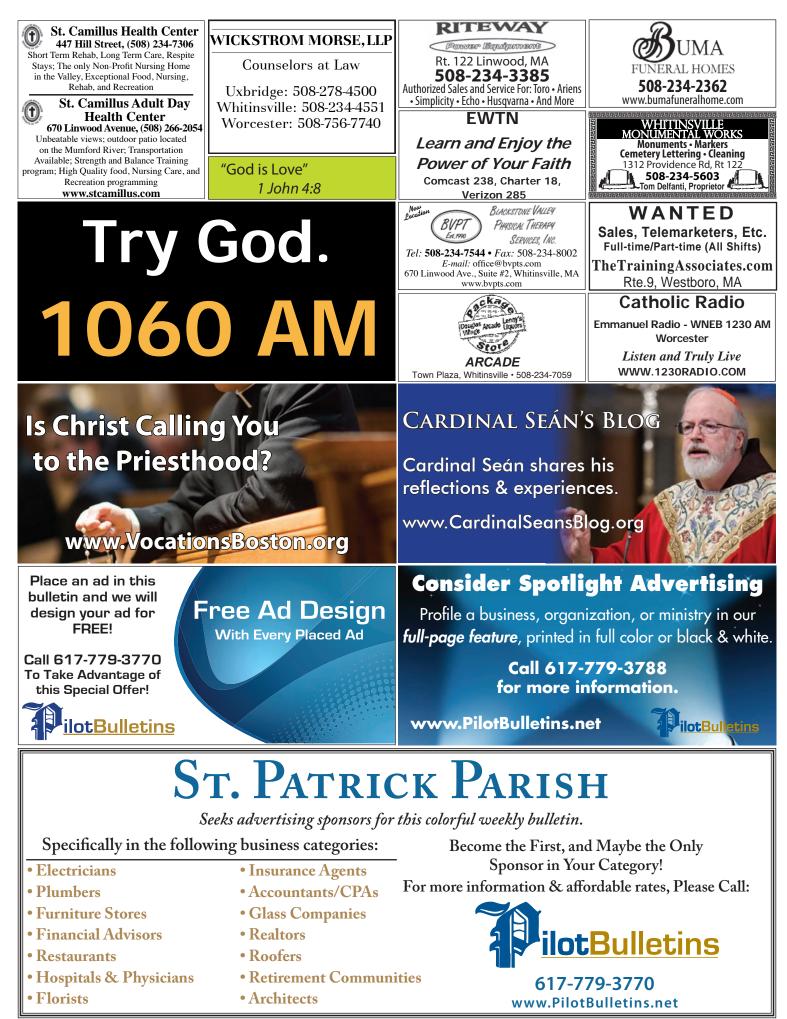
Pray about what it means to you to be part of a church community and ask the Lord to guide you in determining what sacrificial giving means to you and your family.

COMMIT

Make your faith commitment to St. Patrick's "Building Fund" Campaign on the reverse side.

CELEBRATE

Celebrate what God will do through your faith commitment to St. Patrick's.



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