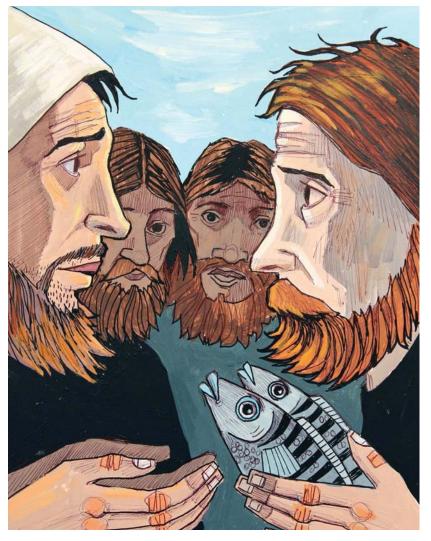
# THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



# Prayer for Union with God

O God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, your love for us is so immense that you gave us your Son to live and dine with us. indeed, to be one with us. Through your Son, we have come to know you, and to be united with you. As we continue to share in the Eucharist at the liturgy, bring us into union with you and each other. Help us to be open to your Word in the Scriptures and to allow it to guide our lives as we seek to be made whole in Christ.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirt, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

# Sunday, April 19, 2015 Presence of Christ

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If you have ever committed a wrong for which you were terribly ashamed, today's First Reading may provide comfort. Peter seems to be chastising those who have gathered around him. And indeed, a large group has gathered in amazement, since Peter had just healed a lame man. After asking why the people stare in wonder, Peter confronts them about their role in Jesus' death. But he is not sending a guilt-ridden message; he wants the people to know of God's mercy. Even though they turned their backs on Jesus, God will forgive. God's mercy is open to us, no matter the wrong we have done.

Peter knows well how Christ not only awaits us to come into union with him but is searching us out. It is reasonable to surmise that Peter would have been among the disciples to whom Jesus appeared, saying, "Peace be with you." Two disciples had just announced how they had recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread. Still, the disciples were startled to see Jesus. Without prompting, Jesus explains that he is the fulfillment of what has been written in the Scriptures.

Those in the room comprise the witnesses, but we are also witnesses. In the document "Disciples Called to Witness," the bishops of the United States state that "it is through common human experiences that the Word of God is revealed to us." In what ways are you open to seeing God in the actions of the Holy Spirit in your life?

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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**

Pre school	Sunday	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Kindergarten	Sunday	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
First Grade	Sunday	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Grades 2 & 3	Sunday	11:15 AM - 12:15 PM
Grades 4 & 5	Sunday	9:00 AM - 9:50 AM

# 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.		Mass for	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.					
Saturday April 18	4:30 PM	† Pauline & Donald Duncan	By Pam & Tom Bachleda					
Sunday April 19	8:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM	† Florence Goeke † Stan Vassar † Patricia Lavalley	By her family By his niece Pat By Mickey, Ag & Mary					
Monday April 20	8:30 AM	†						
Tuesday April 21	8:30 AM	†						
Wednesday April 22	8:30 AM							
Thursday April 23	No Mass							
Friday April 24	No Mass							
Saturday April 25	4:30 PM	† Dorothy& Edmond Benoit	By Family					
Sunday April 26	8:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM	† Warren Davis † Terrence P. Conlin	By Family By Kids & Grandkids 9th Ann.		9th Ann.			
SMTWTFS May 14—Ascension Thursday May 17—Utilities								
Sunday April 19	Baptism Family Meeting		1:00 PM	Center				
Monday April 20	Religious Education Classes 6-8		6:45-8:00 PM	Center				
Tuesday April 21	Cantor Rehearsal		7:00-8:30 PM					
Wednesday April 22	Prayer Group/Bible Study		7:00 PM	Chapel				
Thursday April 23	Cub Scout Pack 150		5:30-9:00 PM	Center				
Friday April 24								
Saturday April 25	John 21 Community Breakfast YNIA Car Wash Fall Festival Meeting		8:00-10:00 AM 8:30 AM– 2:30 PM 10:30 AM	Center Parking Lot Center				



**The Young Neighbors In Action 2014** and Anne Haas will be collecting bottles and cans to help defray the cost of the service trip to Chicago, III. this summer. Please drop off your clean cans and bottles in the Parish Center. If you would like to have someone pick them up at your home, please call Anne Haas at 508-234-9163.

Thank you for supporting our Young Neighbors In Action Ministry.

#### St. Patrick Church, Whitinsville MA



My cousin recently sent this to me and I must tell you, it made me laugh but also gave me food for thought. Hope you like it!

#### When God Sends You Help, Don't Ask Questions

She hurried to the pharmacy to get medication, got back to her car and found that she had locked her keys inside. The woman found an old rusty coat hanger left on the ground. She looked at it and said, "I don't know how to use this." She bowed her head and asked God to send her some HELP. Within 5 minutes a beat-up old motorcycle pulled up, driven by a bearded man who was wearing an old biker skull rag. He got off of his cycle and asked if he could help.

She said: "Yes, my daughter is sick. I've locked my keys in my car. I must get home. Please, can you use this hanger to unlock my car?"

He said, "Sure." He walked over to the car, and in less than a minute the car was open.

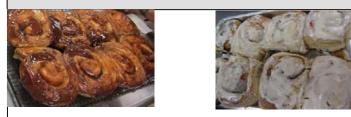
She hugged the man and through tears said. "Thank You, God, for sending me such a very nice man."

The man heard her little prayer and replied, "Lady, I am NOT a nice man. I just got out of prison yesterday; I was in prison for car theft."

The woman hugged the man again, sobbing, "Oh, thank you, God! You even sent me a Professional!"

### Is GOD great or what !?!

#### --Mary Lou



# Nicki's Cinnamon Caramel & Lemon Rolls

Mother's Day Enjoy Cinnamon Rolls, Caramel Rolls or Lemon Rolls All rolls must be pre-ordered The Cost is \$2.00 each 6 for \$12.00, 12 for \$24.00 Order on line or forms are in the bulletin racks All orders must be placed by May 3, 2015

#### FROM YOUR CANDIDATES AND CATECHUMENS



Happy Easter Dear Fr. Tomasz and RCIA Staff:

> I wish to extend a sincere THANK YOU to you and each member of St. Patrick Parish for the time spent

to prepare me for Confirmation. Before this journey started, I must confess I thought I would dread taking time out of my busy schedule to prepare for this big day. But when I left my first class with Brian I realized it wasn't as bad as I thought it would be. He was very knowledgeable and made the classes something to look forward to. Every member that met with us during class were great, friendly people. I know I'll see them around, but I can honestly say I will miss meeting together as a group every Sunday.

Words are inadequate to express my heartfelt gratitude to God and to each of you for the wonderful experience this past week as I became a confirmed Catholic. The St. Patrick team went out of their way to make this a special day, from the unexpected shawl and ceramic cross gift to the little flower we were given to wear everything was beautiful and well put together especially considering Holy Week was held outside of your element- the Middle School. It was incredible as our church family laughed, wept and prayed together. It was a great week and something I won't forget-I am walking away a different person.

> Thanks again and God bless, Meghan O'Neill

#### Dear Fr. Tomasz and RCIA Staff:

I wanted to take a moment and tell you what a great job the RCIA team did in preparing me for my recent confirmation.

Each member of the RCIA team spent countless hours of their personal time reviewing related topics, reviewing scripture readings and meanings with me each week. I feel so blessed to have them as part of my life and part of my church family going forward. They are truly an extraordinary group and we are lucky to have them as part of our community.

As an adult I truly appreciate my confirmation and can honestly say it was a very rewarding experience. I feel welcomed and blessed every time I walk into Saint Patrick's because we have an outstanding community filled with parishioners that are willing to support and help others.

As I prepared for over a year to make my confirmation, I was able to reflect on my past and on my future. I was able to see how God was always at work in my life even when I turned a blind eye or perhaps I was just "too busy" to notice. God was always in my life and never gave up on me and when I slowly became aware of this it really hit me spiritually. As I slowly renewed my faith and became determined to finally make my confirmation I began to soften and open my heart. As my journey is still in the infancy stage I know I have a lot to work on going forward. With the support of this parish and all of the wonderful people that fill the pews weekly I know with Christ in my life I can make those changes.

Words cannot express how full and rewarded I feel at this moment. I can only say that am so happy to have the opportunity to experience the sacrament of confirmation at this point in my life. I am very grateful to have such positive people surrounding me on this journey along with such a welcoming parish.

Thank you again and God Bless, Jason Bates

# St. Patrick Church, Whitinsville MA



# 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 It will take place across the street.

We invite all who are interested to attend and join the fun!!

If you would like to help at either the Picnic or the 5K please call Shelly at the office.



#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL be held this Tuesday, April 21st

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 www.kofc365.org.



### Young Neighbors In Action Car Wash

Saturday April 25th 8:30AM-2:30 PM Church Parking Lot \$7.00 per car

Please feel free to bring along those empty clean bottles and cans to donate.

All proceeds will help sponsor our Young Neighbors in Action service trip to Chicago



# Building Fund Progress

Goal: \$370,000.00

Pledged: \$313,197.56 Remaining: \$56,802.44

# We have received 254 pledges.

Please remember to drop your pledge cards in the mail or in the basket next week. Misplaced your card? Not a problem! They can be found in the bulletin racks or just drop a note in the basket or mail and we will take care of filling in a pledge card for you.



# NAC Food Pantry

Please remember those that are less fortunate. The NAC Food Pantry helps local area families, and will accept any nonperishable food in date. If you would like to donate please drop items off in the

boxes at the entrance of the Church or drop a donation in the basket marked for the NAC Food Pantry.



# John 21 help needed

Have you thought of helping with John 21? Not sure if it is for you? Maybe Saturdays are not good?

We can accommodate all those questions. Because of the volume of people in need has grown we need to add more volunteers to our teams and add to our sub list (those that could come on a need basis) If you think you would like to help you could try first serve. Try it once, if you enjoy it then you could join a team.

Perhaps Saturday mornings don't work for you. We have a huge need for people to help wrap bread. If you think you would like to help in any way please contact Shelly at Shelly@mystpatricks.com or call the office at 508-234-5656. It is a great opportunity of Stewardship.

We have now served over 7,000 meals since February of 2014. Please consider joining us as we serve our local community!



# Third Sunday of Easter

"Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace to you.' But they were startled and frightened." (Luke 24:36-37)

Throughout the day we have many opportunities to "see the face of Jesus" in others and provide some "peace" in their lives. Just because the person is a stranger, maybe looks different than us or is someone we don't particularly care for doesn't let us off the hook.



Room is still available for the Summer Program at Northeast Catholic College in Warner, NH! The Collegiate Summer Program offers participants the opportunity to study theology, philosophy, literature and

political science. During the summer program, students also attend daily Mass and enjoy sports, socials and day trips including hiking and canoeing. The program is for students who will be entering their sophomore, junior or senior year of high school in the fall of 2015. It is also open to students who have just graduated high school. The Collegiate Summer Program is a two-week session that runs from Sunday, July 26 – Saturday, August 8, 2015. Register today at

<u>www.NortheastCatholic.edu</u>! For more information, contact the admissions office at admissions@northeastcatholic.edu or 603.456.2656



# This Week At Home

#### Monday, April 20: Called to Holiness

"All those who sat in the Sanhedrin looked intently at him and saw that his face was like the face of an angel." This description of Stephen's face found in today's First Reading illustrates the holiness of the disciple. He who was "filled with grace and power" radiated the Spirit. All of us are to aspire to such an appearance. As *Lumen Gentium*, 39, states, all of us are called to be holy as Christ is holy. Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119; John 6:22-29

#### Tuesday, April 21: The Bread of Life

The Jews questioning Jesus in today's Gospel are looking for signs. As Jesus notes, they do not comprehend what God sent them in the past or the present. God, not Moses, sent the manna. Now God has sent Jesus, the Bread of Life. The Jews cling to the physical food God sent to the Israelites but do not recognize the key to eternal life before them. Remember to savor and give thanks for the gift that God brings you in the Eucharist. Acts 7:51-8:1a; Ps 31; John 6:30-35

#### Wednesday, April 22: Accept and Believe

In today's Gospel, Jesus notes that "anyone who comes to me I will never drive away." Perhaps we may need to take these words to heart when we feel that we have distanced ourselves from God. No matter what we have done, no matter our status in life, God is there for us. We only need to accept and believe. Whenever you feel unworthy, you might want to look up this Gospel for reassurance. Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66; Jn 6:35-40

#### Thursday, April 23: A Time to Rejoice

We might take to heart the example of the eunuch in today's First Reading. Once he was baptized, "he continued on his way rejoicing." Easter Time is a season of rejoicing, but we might have a hard time sustaining our joy. In *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis states that "with Christ joy is constantly born anew". Are there practices that you can embrace that would help you to stay rooted in joy? Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66; Jn 6:44-51

#### Friday, April 24: Life in Christ

Today Jesus scandalized the Jews when he said, "unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man, and drink his blood, you have no life in you." The sacrifice of bread and wine offered by the priest and king Melchizedek prefigured the offering made by Jesus, our high priest and king. Jesus points to the sacrifice of the Cross, where he sheds his blood for us — thus pouring himself out as the ransom for all — and atoning for our sins and the sins of the world. In what ways do we hunger for the Bread of Life? Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117; Jn 6:52-59

#### Saturday, April 25: Feast of St. Mark

In today's Gospel from Mark, the Lord tells the disciples to proclaim the Good News to all of creation, and then ascends to heaven. Though he has ascended, Christ stays with his followers, working with them and performing signs. Do we think of Christ as always being with us, especially when we are telling others about him? Perhaps remembering Christ's continued presence would reassure us enough to speak with others of his presence in our lives. 1 Peter 5:5-14; Ps 89; Mk 16:15 -20



# 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.



Letters indicating parishioner's total financial contributions for 2014 are available for income tax purposes. Please mail Jeanne LeBlanc Jleblanc@mystpatricks.com If you would like to receive a copy of your total giving amount.



The Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church in Whitinsville will host a clothing swap on Saturday, May 2 from 9am to 11am. We accept donations of gently used men's, women's and kid's clothing, shoes and accessories. You don't

have to donate to take something home and you don't have to take something home to donate. Everything is free and open to the public. Whether you are looking to clean out your closet or update your wardrobe, this is the event for you. Donations can be dropped off Friday night from 6-7pm or the morning of the swap. Please use the driveway between Domino's Pizza and the law office and come in the church's back door. Any questions, please email <u>edalynne@hotmail.com</u> of call Tina at 508-234-8131



### 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.



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