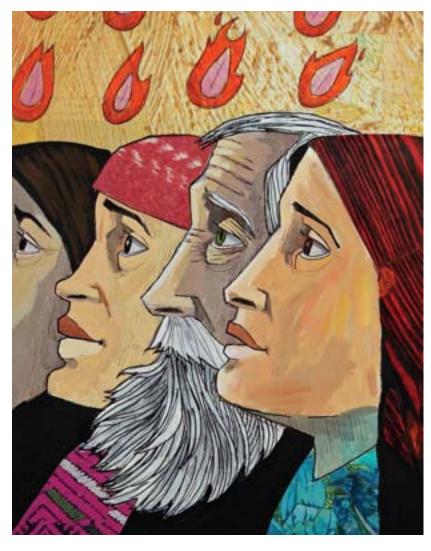
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Prayer to Nourish Relationships

God of all,

you have enriched us with a nation filled with people of many cultures. Help us to love with no partiality, reaching out in friendship to all of your children.

Guide us to know the blessings that each pt may bring to our lives. May we welcome and nourish relationships from the diversity in our midst and remain in your love through our love of one another.

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, May 10, 2015 God Shows No Partiality

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Today's Readings: Acts 10:25–26, 34 – 35, 44–48; Psalm 98:1, 2–3, 3–4 (2b); 1 John 4:7–10; John 15:9–17

Today's First Reading may help us examine how we sometimes do not value those whom God values. Peter had thought that the covenant extended only to Jews, but at this meeting with the Gentile Cornele understands that "God shows no partiality." Since the gifts of the Holy Spirit are poured over the Gentiles, it became apparent that the waters of Baptism should not be withheld. Considering this reading, we might want to examine ours and our parish's attitudes toward others. Do we recognize the gifts of those who are unlike us? Are we hospitable to all or do we show partiality? Does the leadership in the parish reflect the diversity of the community?

Understanding that God regards no one with partiality may help us comprehend how we are to love. In the Second Reading, we see that God sent his Son for all of us, not just those we consider worthy. Do we approach every person as though Jesus died so that he or she might have new life through him?

If God shows no partiality, we are called to do the same: to love everyone without reserve. Christ's command, the Gospel from John tells us, is to "love one another as I love you." Do we love as God loves when we reach out only to those who are like us or agree with us? We hear in today's Gospel that God appointed us "to go and bear fruit that will remain." How can you extend yourself to people in your parish, workplace, or community? How can your parish encourage its members to reach out to those who are unfamiliar to them?

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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.

Parish Staff Parish Staff

Pastor:

Weekend Help:

Deacon In Training:

Interim R.E. Coordinator & Administrative Assistant: Music Director:

Parish Nurse:

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Ministry Scheduler:

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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

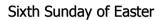
Catholic Charities 508-234-3800

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.

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. May 10, 2015



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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.

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Saturday May 9	2:00 PM 4:30 PM		Our First Eucharist Class ary Beaulieu	By her Daughters	
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Tuesday May 12	8:30 AM	† Wa	arren Davis	By Great Grandchildren	
Wednesday May 13	8:30 AM	† Jo	hn and Dorothy Harris	By their Family	
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Friday May 15	No Mass				
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Second Collection Schedule May 14—Ascension Thursday May 17—Utilities John 21 Community Breakfast (May)

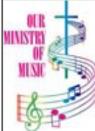
Please remember that John 21 donations can be dropped in the collection baskets at any Mass during May. There are extra envelopes in the bulletin racks if you wish to use them or you may go on line to make your donation. Thank You for supporting our Ministry.

Sunday May 10	HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!		
Monday May 11	Contemporary Music Ensemble Rehearsal	7:00-9:00 PM	Chapel
Tuesday May 12			
Wednesday May 13	Prayer Group/Bible Study	7:00 PM	Chapel
Thursday May 14			
Friday May 15	Polish Picnic Prep		Center
Saturday May 16	John 21 Community Breakfast	8:00-10:00 AM	Center
Sunday May 17			



This Sunday, May 10th will be the last Sunday that we will have the 11:30 AM Mass. You will be happy to know that over the next few weeks you will start seeing the scaffolding coming down. When you are in Church this weekend, notice the painting in the

archways has begun on the left-hand side. We will be sending out an update on the insurance process and the fund raising process that will allow you to see how it is all working. Please remember to pledge, if you have not already done so by checking the website at <u>www.mystpatricks.com</u> Thank you.



Dear friends,

Here is an article that I found quite interesting and appropriate for this day and age. It was written by Joe Pisani, who is an editor for the *Fairfield County Catholic*. It is entitled: *Standing up for God in a secular society*.

The commuter train out of Grand Central Terminal was short two cars, so people were packed in the seats, shoulder-to-shoulder. It was the perfect end to another perfect day in Manhattan. Nevertheless, everyone was relieved to be on board and going home, so they could put their heads on the pillow and get up and do it all over again.

In the silence before the train started to pull out of the station, someone sneezed and then sneezed again. A fellow who was reading his Kindle, instinctively said, "God bless you..." But then, his voice trailed off, as if he suddenly realized he had done something socially questionable by mentioning God in unfamiliar company—by mentioning God in a fiercely secular society where religion is routinely attacked on editorial pages and in university classrooms. There was no "thank you."

Times have changed. In the past, mentioning God was perfectly natural for men and women of faith. Now, you never know what will happen. Crazy as it seems, the only people who enjoy so-called "freedom of expression" are the ones who insult religion.

This fellow realized he had committed...a politically incorrect faux pas by "God blessing" someone, which could have led to an altercation if the person sneezing was an atheist.

Like most of us, he'd probably been raised in a family where you were taught to say, "God bless you" to someone who sneezed, but we live in strange times when it's more socially acceptable to use four-letter words than to say the name of God or Jesus reverently.

And there's no shortage of people who use God's name irreverently. Remember the Second Commandment which we learned in catechism, "Thou shall not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain"? It was number two out of ten, so that must say something about its importance.

However, in the entertainment industry, on city streets, in the workplace and in casual conversation, the only time people utter the name of God and the name of Jesus freely and forcefully is when they're cursing. How tragic is that?

St. Paul had a different view. He told the Philippians that "at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

What has changed so much in a few decades? For one thing, atheists have become more aggressive, and they resent any public reference to God in social gatherings, in the classroom, at Christmas, in speeches, in the Pledge of Allegiance, in political gatherings and on playing fields. But our hesitation to say "Jesus" and "God" in public is more than just catering to the whims and demands of a misguided few.

We feel uncomfortable in mixed company because God has become controversial in our secular society. Professors are disciplined if they profess orthodox Christian beliefs, students in public schools have their Bibles confiscated, and the athletes who invoke God are ridiculed or treated as embarrassments. Look at the field day the media had with Tim Tebow and his professions of faith.

Boston College professor and author Peter Kreeft claims that the name of Jesus in particular makes people uncomfortable. He says, "Test it in any secular company. The name Jesus will fall with a thud, and produce sudden silences and embarrassment. You not only hear the embarrassment, you can feel it. The temperature drops. Or rises. It never stays the same."

Nowadays, there's a lot of anger against organized religion, especially against Catholics, because our beliefs conflict with the prevailing social agenda, which supports abortion, assisted suicide, pornography, the hooking-up culture and every other form of acceptable vice.

But it's time to bring our faith back into the public square in big ways and in small, whether it's one "God bless you" on a crowded train or in a crowded doctor's office—or defending our faith when it's belittled at social gatherings.

If you do only one small thing every day, say, "God bless you," when someone sneezes. Say "God bless you" when someone is troubled and needs encouragement. Say "God bless you," if for no other reason than to share God's love and give him glory.

And never forget what Jesus said: "Whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this faithless and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels." God bless you...



Craig



Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2015 Partners in Portners Charity Annual Appeal. St. Patrick's has pledged or raised

\$24,655.00 towards our goal of \$42,000.00 which is the same goal we met last year. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment pledge envelope located in the bulletin racks, drop a check in the basket or visit www.partners-charity.net.

Partners in Charity, is the Annual Appeal for the Diocese of Worcester, serving 28 charitable, educational, and pastoral ministries. Through your generous support we are able to serve thousands of families and individuals in Worcester County through outreach, formation, evangelization, and worship. Locally they help support Catholic Charities. Thank you!



Our annual budget for Parish Weekly Collections is \$412,923.00 for the year which averages out to \$34,410.25 per month. Below are the actual receipts for each month in our fiscal year which runs

from September 1st until August 31st.

September 2014	\$30,570.00
October 2014	\$31,800.83
November	\$38,813.68
December 2014	\$38,324.99
January 2015	\$36,017.39
February 2015	\$23,660.38
March 2015	\$31,955.28
April 2015	\$34,286.55

Budgeted Inco	me	
-	Year To Date	\$275,282.00
Actual Income		
	Year To Date	\$265,429.10

A shortfall Year To Date of \$9,852.90



Looking for ways to simplify your hectic schedule?

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@mystpatricks.com.

Parish Humor: Somebody has said that there are only two kinds of people in the world. There are those who wake up and say, "Good morning, Lord," and there are those who wake up and say, "Good Lord, it's morning!"



This Week At Home

Monday, May 11: Presence of the Holy Spirit

Today's Gospel contains a warning. The future will be tumultuous for the disciples. They will be thrown out of the synagogues and be killed by those who think that they are doing the right thing. Still, the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, the Spirit of truth will be with them. He will speak for Christ, and it will be their responsibility to do so also. Do you pray to the Holy Spirit to help you face difficulties and challenges in life? Acts 16:11-15; Psalm 149; John 15:26-16:4

Tuesday, May 12: Faithful Testimony

In today's reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we see the persecution of the disciples that Jesus foretold. Paul and Silas are stripped, beaten, and imprisoned. Still, they pray and sing. And when an earthquake opened their cell doors, they did not escape but provided a testimony of faith to the jailer. Are you able to sing in spite of hard times? Does your prayer provide consolation? Acts 16:22-34; Psalm 138; John 16:5-11

Wednesday, May 13: Our Lady of Fatima

The Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima observes the apparitions to three Portuguese children in a field close to Fatima. Pope John Paul II attributed the intercession of Our Lady of Fatima with saving his life when he was shot on May 13, 1981, in St. Peter's Square. Exactly a year after the assassination attempt, the pope celebrated a Mass at Fatima, giving thanks to Mary. Mary is the Mother of the Church and also the spiritual mother to each of us. Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Ps. 148; John 16:12-15

Thursday, May 14: If Celebrating the Ascension Today

Today's solemnity is a celebration of Jesus' enduring presence within the Church. The Ascension was both the beginning and end for the disciples. Instead of being left with sorrow and grief, they were filled with joy and with great anticipation for the coming of the Holy Spirit. Can you name some ways in which the Holy Spirit is living and working in the Church today? Acts 1:1-11; Ps. 47; Ephesians 4:1-13; Mark 16:15-20

Friday, May 15: St. Isidore

St. Isidore the Farmer (1080-1130) is the patron saint of Madrid, Spain, and the United States National Catholic Rural Life Conference (NCRLC). NCRLC works for social, economic, and spiritual development in rural America, through prayer, education, and advocacy. You may want to visit www.ncrlc.com to keep up with legislative and other issues that affect not only farmers but all who rely on them for food. The materials on the website, including an Eater's Bill of Rights, are from the perspective that we need to be faithful stewards of creation. Acts 18:9-18; Psalm 47; John 16:20-23

Saturday, May 16: Your Joy Will Be Complete

"Very truly, I tell you, if you ask anything of the Father in my name, he will give it to you." In the discourse in today's Gospel, Jesus continues to teach the Apostles how to pray, this time telling them to pray in his name to the Father. When they do so, their prayers will be granted. It is interesting that Jesus tells the Apostles that their joy will be complete when they ask and receive. What do you consider complete joy to be? Acts 18:23-28; Psalm 47; John 16: 23-28

May 10, 2015

Sixth Sunday of Easter



Save the Dates June 6th and 7th! June 6th 5K: Go to https://racewire.com/

register.php?id=4807 to register to race.

Help us as we race to Poland. June 7th Polish Picnic: 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 508-234-5656.



SPiN Action for May

Please consider joining us on May 17 for SPiN Action. We will be going to all our usual sites (St. Camillus, Whitinsville Retirement Society, Beaumont, Whitney

Place, Alternatives, and Rockdale Housing) as well as Catholic Charities. As you can see we have many people depending on us to bring the light of Christ to them. Please feel free to call Shelly at 508-234-5656 or sign up on line if you would be interested in helping in any way.



Please don't forget to register on-line for fall Religious Education Classes. Class days and times are on the inside cover

of the bulletin or visit our website at mystpatricks.com.



Sixth Sunday of Easter

'This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:12-13) Do you love Jesus? Do you consider Him your friend? Jesus says that if we love Him we should be willing

to offer whatever we have to Him, not because we want praise and glory, but simply because we love Him.



Building Fund Progress Goal: \$370,000.00 Pledged: \$315,292.56 Balance: \$54.707.44 gifts or pledges

Please remember to drop your pledge cards in the mail or in the basket this week. Misplaced your card? Not a problem! E-mail Jackie@mystpatricks.com or drop a check in the basket with Building Fund in the memo or go to our website at www.mystpatricks.com.



The Young Neighbors In Action 2015 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.



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.

Our Lady of the Valley Golf Tournament



The Our Lady of the Valley Regional School is having its 19th Annual Golf Tournament at Blissful Meadows in Uxbridge on Friday, May **29th**. We are looking golfers, sponsors and donations for one of the largest fundraisers for the OLV Parents' Guild! This is a Florida-style/

Scramble, four-person tournament with a shotgun start at 9:00 AM. Entry fee is \$140/player, and includes green fees, cart, lunch and dinner, as well as great prizes! Register your foursome today! Send your registration and check payable to: OLV Parents' Guild

Our Lady of the Valley C/O Golf Tournament Committee 75 Mendon Street Uxbridge, MA 01569

Alumni and parents of Alumni who register by May 1st will receive a special gift that day. Forms for golf can be found on the Parent's Guild website:

www.ourladyofthevalleyregional.com/ParentsGuild/ **OLVGolfTournament**

Sponsorships are also available including banners, tee signs, drink carts, lunch table, as well as family/student tee sign messages. A full list of sponsorships donations is available upon request, and many include golfer fees. We are also looking for donations. Ideas include sports or golf items, vacation home weekends, event tickets, electronics, wine/ whiskey baskets, a grill/grilling items and gift certificates to area businesses.

For more information contact the school at 508-278-5851 and leave a message for Melissa DaCosta, event chairperson, or email her at meldc2@gmail.com. Thank you for your support!

Parish Humor: A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!" His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means? The son replied, "I do

know!" "Okay," said his father. "What does the Bible mean?" "That's easy, Daddy..." the young boy replied excitedly," It stands for 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth!'





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