

Saints Patrick & Raphael Parish

Williamstown Massachusetts

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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4.30pm
Sunday: 8.30am; 10.30am
Weekdays Monday, Tuesday & Thursday: 8.30am
Weekdays Wednesday Communion Service: 8.30am
Holy Day Mass: 8.30am & 7.00pm
Reconciliation: Saturday 3.00-4.00pm
Adoration: Saturday 3.00-4.00pm

Parish Mission Statement

Affirming our common baptismal call to holiness and discipleship, we at Saints Patrick & Raphael Parish strive to deepen our communion with Christ and His Church. By worshipping God through Word and sacrament, serving our community with God's healing compassion, giving freely what we have received, nurturing our children in faith, and respecting the dignity of all human life, we hope to be a sign of – and invite all people into – God's loving presence in the world.

January 2, 2022



Paulette O'Brien

Feast of the Epiphany



Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him."

The Epiphany of the Lord — January 2, 2022



Welcome to all who are visiting this weekend! We hope you feel at home here in the parish.

If you have any news you'd like posted here, births, baptisms, marriages, deaths, prayer requests, etc. please notify the parish secretary.

Low-gluten hosts are available for those who have a gluten allergy. Please notify the priest in the sacristy **before** Mass.

DONATIONS ~ THANK YOU!

Food Pantry: Richard & Keren Oberfield; Craig & Heather Clemow; Joyce Orell; Eileen Carr; Erman Maroney; Marcia Sarrouf

In honor of: Gary & Kathleen Thompson by Jean Garrity

In memory of: James Gazzaniga by Joan Gazzaniga

Parish Donations: Dan & Patti Holland; Anonymous; Michael Conforti; Tom & Fern Murtagh; Francis & Claire Ann Oakley; Dorothy Edgerton

In memory of: Evangelina Gutzman-Jara by Galo & Letitia Lopez

OFFERTORY REPORT

Please note that we continue to have online giving as an option to support your parish.

PARISH COLLECTIONS: *January 2 2022*
Not available at time of printing.

Candle offerings this week ...

Sanctuary light: In memory of **Renzie Lamb**, by his family

Blessed Virgin:

St. Raphael:

To reserve candles for a particular week, please call the parish office. The suggested offering is ten dollars.



LECTIO DIVINA ON ZOOM

Lectio Divina RESUMES ON

Monday, January 3, 2022 from 9.30 - 10.45 am.

For the zoom link, reach out to **williamstowncatholics.org**

Baptism: Call the parish office to schedule. Baptisms normally celebrated on the last Sunday of month, 11.30am

Marriage: Call for an appointment with the priest at least 12 months prior to the wedding date for planning and preparation.

Confessions: Sat., 3-4pm

Eucharistic Adoration – Sat., 3-4pm

Adult Choir Rehearsal, Sunday mornings after the 8.30am Mass in choir loft (9.15am).

RCIA: See pastor if interested in becoming Catholic.

Food Pantry: distribution 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 9am-12pm

Meals Ministry prep & delivery: 2nd Sundays.

Office Hours: Mon.-Thu. 9am-noon and 1-3.00pm
Closed holidays, Fridays, and as announced in bulletin.

Membership: Contact the office to join our parish.

To report child sexual abuse by any employee of the Roman Catholic Church call the confidential number at 800.842.9055 or email reportabuse@diospringfield.org.

New Direction - formerly N. Berkshire Pregnancy Center 413.346.4291 or email: info@newdirectionpc.org

Bulletin: Deadline for notices: **Mondays at noon.**

Please remember the Catholic Church in your Last Will and Testament either by a bequest to the Diocese of Springfield or to our Parish, or to both. The legal title for the Diocese of Springfield is ***Roman Catholic Bishop of Springfield, a corporation sole***; the legal title for our parish is ***Roman Catholic Bishop of Springfield, a corporation sole, for Saints Patrick and Raphael Parish.***

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

has resumed on Wednesday afternoons from 4.30-5.30 pm & on Saturday afternoons from 3-4 pm in the church.

LET'S STAY CONNECTED

As many of you know, weekly Masses are being taped here at the Parish. There are several ways for you to access this along with additional information.

Taped Masses on: www.williamstowncatholics.org; **FaceBook** page, Sts. Patrick and Raphael Roman Catholic Parish.

Our Sunday Mass on Willinet Sunday mornings for Williamstown residents at 10:30am on channel 1303.

Diocesan Information -information and changes, go to diospringfield.org

The televised Mass "**Chalice of Salvation**" is broadcast on WXXA, Fox 23 Albany at 6am Sunday.

Looking for High Quality Catholic Videos? Do you like Bishop Robert Barron? Check out Word on Fire Engage

Access these films through Flocknote, a weekly message sent by text or email to Parishioners who have shared mobile or email contact. If a family member or a friend is not receiving a weekly Flocknote, sign up in at least three ways:

1.) Go to <https://williamstown.flocknote.com/>
On the sign up form for Sts. Patrick and Raphael Parish Williamstown, enter your contact info.

2.) Send a text message to 84576. Include in the text the one word: WILLIAMSTOWN.
An automatic response coming to your phone will offer a link to sign up to Flocknote Parish Network;

3) Through QR CODE

The annual cost for Parish wide access is only \$1970 of which \$500 has already been contributed. If you appreciate the Catholic films and are able to do so, consider helping the Parish defer the cost. Thank you and, enjoy the films.



SCAN ME

Safe Environment and Victim Assistance

Bishop William D. Byrne encourages anyone who has been a victim of sexual abuse by representatives (Clergy, educators, employees or volunteers) of the Roman Catholic Church to come forward by contacting the Office of Safe Environment & Victim Assistance, at (413) 452-0624, confidential toll free number at 800-842-9055 or email reportabuse@diospringfield.org.

Bishop Byrne encourages victims of sexual abuse to contact law enforcement if they believe a crime has been committed. Berkshire County District Attorney's Office: (413) 443-5951.

SUMMARY OF THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

<u>Sat., Jan 1</u>	10.30 am Solemnity of Mary
<u>Sat., Jan 1</u>	4.30 pm Mass
<u>Sun., Jan 2</u>	8.30am & 10.30am Masses 8.30 pm Mass at Thompson Chapel
<u>Mon., Jan 3</u>	8.30am Mass
<u>Tues., Jan 4</u>	8.30am Mass
<u>Wed., Jan 5</u>	Communion Service 4.30-5.30 pm Adoration in the Church
<u>Thurs., Jan 6</u>	8.30am Mass
<u>Sat., Jan 8</u>	2.15 pm First Reconciliation 3-4 pm Confessions & Adoration in the Church 4.30 pm Mass



The Work of Christmas Begins

When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with their flocks,
the work of Christmas begins:
to find the lost,
to heal the broken,
to feed the hungry,
to release the prisoner,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among the people,
to make music in the heart.

By Howard Thurman (a mentor of Martin Luther King and found in Thurman's collection of poems: *The Mood of Christmas and Other Celebrations*)

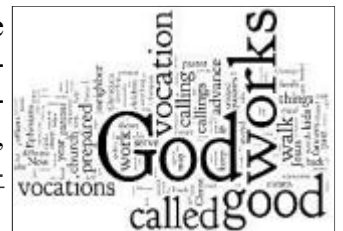


A VOCATION VIEW

The Epiphany -- January 2, 2022

"Opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts."

Are you beginning to see your life as a gift to be given to the Lord as a priest, religious sister or brother? Call Fr. Jonathan Reardon 413-248-7034, or write: vocations@diospringfield.org



Year of the Eucharist Prayer

Jesus, I believe you are truly present Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Eucharist. In you, I place my whole family. Heal our wounds and renew us. In heart and mind with a greater reverence, devotion and love for you in the Holy Eucharist.

Our Lady, first tabernacle of the Word made flesh, intercede on behalf of your Son, especially for the Diocese of Springfield and our priests. Through their love for the priesthood and the Eucharist, may they inspire young men to the priesthood that the Mass may continued to be offered so that we may be nourished with your Son's Body and Blood. Guide especially our youth to your Church so they may thrive by knowing the truth that only comes from Jesus.

Most Holy Trinity, I adore you! My God, I love you in the Most Blessed Sacrament. - Bishop Byrne

OUR LADY OF THE ELMS

SECOND COLLECTION ON JANUARY 1 & 2

A collection will be taken up at all the Masses this weekend for the **College of Our Lady of the Elms**. Each year, the beneficence of the Diocese keeps us moving forward as we build upon the solid foundation of academic excellence started ninety-three years ago. Because of the efforts, prayers, and good will of our entire diocesan family, Elms College—the Catholic college in western Massachusetts—is able to remain faithful to its mission to assist in the development of students rooted in faith, educated in mind, compassionate in heart, and responsive to civic and social obligations. This collection will go directly to the Founder's Fund for Excellence, which supports student scholarships. There is an envelope in your packet for this purpose. More information is available at the **Elms College** website, www.elms.edu . *Thank you.*

Office of Youth Ministry & Young Adults World Youth Day registration is open

Registration for the Diocese of Springfield's trip to World Youth Day in Lisbon Portugal in 2003 has now opened. The trip (ages 18-35) will take place July 28, 2003 to August 7, 2003 and will cost \$4,300.00. Please reach out to Joe Austin, director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry if interested in this track at j.austin@diospringfield.org. To register, a deposit of \$350.00 is required. The diocese will be hosting several fundraising info sessions starting in January to discuss fundraising opportunities. To register, go to <https://gxw.groupxpress.com/GX/apps/gxWeb/W58BBE8/>

Mass Intentions for the Week

THIS WEEK'S EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION

Saturday, Jan 1—Solemnity of Mary

10.30 am Thomas Trent

Saturday, Jan 1—The Epiphany of the Lord

4.30 pm Marge Kelly, by Lorraine Saulnier,
Richard Scialabba & James Scialabba

Sunday, Jan 2 –The Epiphany of the Lord

8.30am William & Catherine Strype, by Victoria Flynn

10.30am Barbara Davis

10.30am (Willinet Channel 1303 in Williamstown)
Frances O'Connor, by Fr. John McDonagh

8.30 pm Thompson Memorial Chapel

Monday, Jan 3

8.30am

Tuesday, Jan 4

8.30am Marcia Larocque

Wednesday, Jan 5

8.30am Communion Service

Thursday, Jan 6

8.30am Katherine LaFreniere, by the Nolan family

Saturday, Jan 8

4.30pm Katherine LaFreniere, by Preston & Madi McClanahan

Sunday, Jan 9 –The Baptism of the Lord

8.30am

10.30am Judith Smith, by Scott & Anna Doerle

10.30am (Willinet Channel 1303 in Williamstown)

8.30 pm Thompson Memorial Chapel



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS / January 2022

For true human fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.



Year of the EUCHARIST

The Epiphany of the Lord

"Creation and the government of the universe are great works which show thy power, thy wisdom, and thy mercy; but nowhere do they shine as in the Eucharist, memorial of the wonders that thou hast wrought on earth."

St. John Vianney, Eucharistic Meditations:
4th Meditation.

For more information and videos check out
www.yearoftheeucharist.net



Church Reroofing Update

Workers removed the three clerestory windows on the South Side of the Church this week and installed insulation at the site of the six clerestory windows. With some good weather, the roofers continued to make significant progress on the South side of the Church.

The weekend Masses are being celebrated in the Church. Weekday morning Masses are being celebrated in the large hall of the Parish Center during construction.

I am grateful to the Buildings and Grounds Committee for their diligent work on this complex and necessary project. I am also grateful for your patience with any necessary disruptions. Let us keep the roofers' safety in our prayer.

May the Lord build our house and watch over our community. Amen.



"Stories of a Generation with Pope Francis," began streaming on Netflix Christmas Day, reports the magazine, *America*

Based on the pope's 2018 book "Sharing the Wisdom of Time," published by Loyola Press, the program showcases stories from people over 70 from all quarters of the globe, including the pontiff himself, as they impart their life experiences to youthful filmmakers. Each of its four hour long episodes is devoted to a central theme: "Love," "Dreams," "Struggle" and "Work."

The episode on "Struggle" is particularly moving. Gisèle As-soud Sabbagh, 87, for instance, was born in Aleppo, Syria, but was forced to flee to Beirut. Now, she faces yet another upheaval, having to leave her home and the friends she's made in Beirut to live with her daughter and grandson in France.

With its sometimes-mature themes, "Stories" is not suitable viewing for kids. Teens and grown-ups, by contrast, will find it warm, uplifting and inspirational. - *America* 12.22.21

Protocols Followed

The Parish practices Covid protocols as mandated by the Town of Williamstown. The Church is equipped with fans circulating air throughout the Church with UV lights killing airborne pathogens that cross the lights' path.

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