

Saints Patrick & Raphael Parish

Williamstown Massachusetts

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Mass Schedule

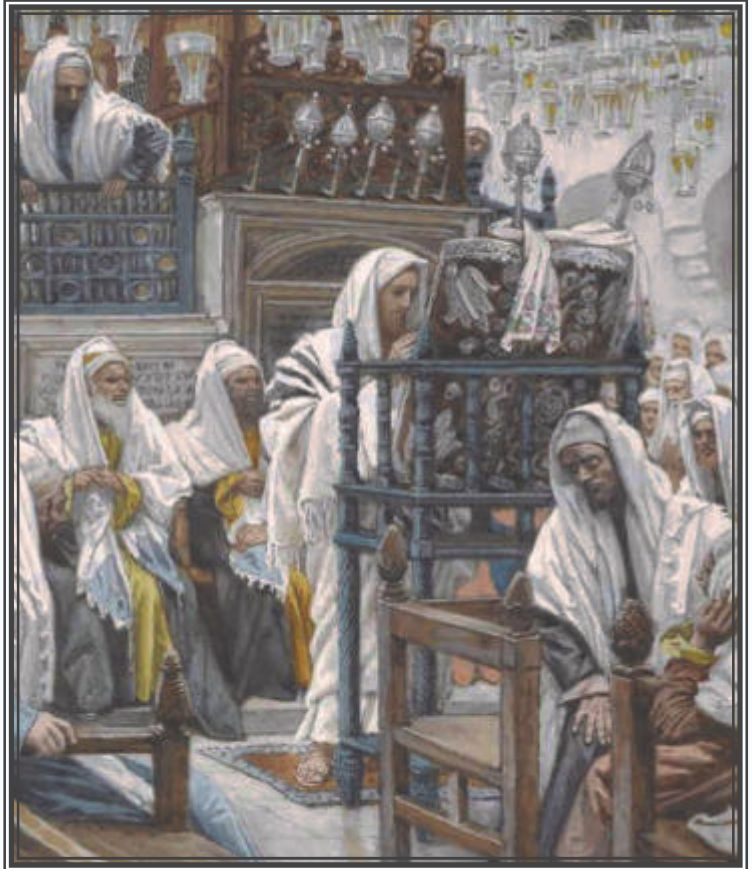
Saturday: 4.30pm
Sunday: 8.30am; 10.30am
8.00pm Thompson Memorial Chapel
Weekdays Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 8.30am
Weekdays Wednesday **Communion Service** .. 8.30am
Holy Day Mass: 8.30am & 7.00pm
Reconciliation: Saturday 3.00-4.00pm
Adoration: Saturday 3.00-4.00pm

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 23, 2022

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



**WELCOME
FR. KAMIL!**

A warm welcome to the pastor of our sister parish in Santa Rosa, Fr. Kamil. Fr. will be visiting us this weekend. It will be a great opportunity to learn more about his work among the people of Peru.



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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: Steven Fogel; East Mountain Farm; Ronald & Linda Brown; Craig & Heather Clemow

OFFERTORY REPORT

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

PARISH COLLECTIONS: *January 16, 2022*

GENERAL: \$1,370.00

ONLINE DONATIONS: \$180.00

SNOW & ICE: \$205.00

MASSSES: \$120.00

UTILITY / FUEL: \$125.00

VOTIVE CANDLES: \$25.00

TOTAL PARISH DONATIONS: \$2,025.00

Thank you for your continued support of our parish, it is greatly appreciated. Your friend in Christ,
Fz. John

Candle offerings this week ...

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

Blessed Virgin: A birthday remembrance for **Ruth Morrissey**, by her family

St. Raphael:

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



Lectio Divina

Monday, January 24, 2022 from 9.30 - 10.45am.

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.**

SANTA ROSA DONATION BOX

The wooden box in honor of Sister Julia (which is being used for donations to help our Sister Parish, Santa Rosa in Peru) is located in the vestibule of the church. The funds collected are sent to support the parish in Peru as needs arise. Thank you!

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.

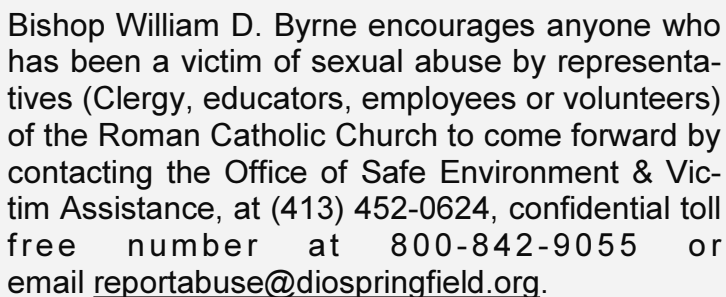
Our Sunday Mass on Willinet Sunday mornings for Williamstown residents at 10:30am on channel 1303.

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

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;

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.



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.

Find new purpose and direction in your life—why not consider volunteering for the church? There are many ways to serve. Please email saintspatrickandraphael@gmail.com and bring your talents to the parish.

**Sat., Jan 22 3-4 pm Adoration & Confessions
in the Church
4.30 pm Mass**

Wed., Jan 26 **8.30 am Communion Service**
4.30-5.30 pm Adoration in the
Church

**Sat., Jan 29 3-4 pm Adoration & Confessions
in the Church
4.30 pm Mass**

Bereavement refers to the sadness that one experiences because of the loss of someone through death. This strong feeling can also occur when someone loses a pet that they have loved dearly.

Fr. Dariusz and Richard Moreau at St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish, North Adams, are looking into establishing a supportive ministry to address this need. If interested in such a group, reach out to the parish at 413.663.5316 or to Richard at 413.663.5764.

“You are the body of Christ and individually members of it.” Are you being called to strengthen His body through a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or the consecrated life? Contact Fr. Thomas Reardon at 413-248-7034, or vocations@diospringfield.org





Bishop writes about the world wide Synod and its impact on us in Western MA

My dear friends in Christ,

Imagine that you decided to walk to Mass and as you are walking you run into someone that you

see at Mass every week but really don't know all that well. As you make way together to church you begin to talk with this person, you tell your stories and you listen to their stories and before you know it things are different, you are friends! In turn it makes your engagement in the life of the church richer because now you have a new person to walk to church with and someone to say hello to.

My brothers and sisters that is essentially what a synod is and it is what our Holy Father is asking of Catholics around the world to engage in this year. Catholics everywhere are being asked to meet together on the way. Our destination is of course the eternal kingdom established by our Lord, the new heaven and the new earth, the new Jerusalem promised in the Book of Revelation.

The term "synod" comes from two Greek words "syn" meaning meeting and "hodos" meaning way. It is a meeting on the way.



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YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST

"What man could not utter nor conceive, and what he could never have dared to desire – that, God in his love has uttered, conceived, and executed. Should we ever have dared suggest to God that he should make his Son die for us, that he should give us his Flesh to eat and his Blood to drink? If all that were true, then man would have been able to imagine things that God could not do. He would have gone further than God in the inventions of love, [and] that is impossible." St. John Vianney, *Eucharistic Meditations: 1st Meditation*. For more information and videos check out www.yearoftheeucharist.net

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

THIS WEEK'S EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION

Saturday, Jan 22

4.30pm **George H. Rossbach**, 62nd anniversary remembrance, by Paul Dube

Sunday, Jan 23–3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30am **Florence N. Flynn**, by her family

10.30am **People of the Parish**

10.30am (Willinet Channel 1303 in Williamstown)

Jim Hodgkins, by Bill & Marianne Judge

8.00 pm **Thompson Memorial Chapel**

Monday, Jan 24

8.30am **Msgr Michael Curran**, by Fr. John

Tuesday, Jan 25

8.30am **Fr. James K. Joyce**, by Fr. John McDonagh

Wednesday, Jan 26

8.30am **Communion Service**

Thursday, Jan 27

8.30am **For the People of our Sister Parish in Santa Rosa in Peru**

Saturday, Jan 29

4.30pm **Mary O'Neill McMahon**, 24th anniversary remembrance, by Maureen O'Mara

Sunday, Jan 30 –4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30am **Jack Mc Connell**, 2nd anniversary remembrance, by Judy McConnell

10.30am **Charles Hunt III**, by Larry & Stephanie Wood

10.30am (Willinet Channel 1303 in Williamstown)
People of the Parish

8.00 pm **Thompson Memorial Chapel**

If you are, or someone you know is considering suicide, please contact the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 800.273.8255 or Text "help" to Crisis Help Text Line at 741-741





GIOVANNI BATTISTA CREMONINI ITALIAN, C. 1550–1610
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 1595, The Clark Institute

Through January, Clark is free for all visitors

Now's the time to visit the Clark's galleries and exhibitions! Don't miss the considerable amount of Catholic art. Try to trust the pull towards an art work. Spend some time with it. I find it helpful to remember that the artists created the work to help people pray. Let them call us to pray.

Advance registration is strongly recommended. Visit clarkart.edu to register and for details on current health and safety protocols.



Church Reroofing Update

The main roof of synthetic slate tile is completed and inspected. Note the cross on the South-east corner of the Church façade has been restored and

replaced by Wooliver. Staging is down, Within the next two weeks anticipate the punch list completed: Gutter drops, repair of natural slate over the sacristy, and gutter around the sacristy end of the building.

Repair of the six clerestory windows, at first not thought necessary, is underway off site with plans for reinstallation the beautiful stained glass windows in the Spring.

I am grateful to the Buildings and Grounds Committee for their diligent work on this complex and necessary project as well as the workers operating during supply chain challenges and sometimes in very cold weather. They are a hearty group! I am also grateful for your patience with any necessary disruptions. Weekday Masses have resumed in the Parish church.



The Gospel of Mark surrounded by foliage (not geometric designs) - one of six beautiful clerestory windows being restored.

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

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