

Saints Patrick & Raphael Parish

Williamstown Massachusetts

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Parish Staff

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Organists

Michael Dilthey, D. Mus & Christopher Caproni

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.

March 13, 2022

Second Sunday of Lent

Saint Patrick Breastplate Prayer

Christ be with me, Christ within me

Christ behind me, Christ before me

Christ beside me, Christ to win me

Christ to comfort me and restore me.

Christ beneath me, Christ above me

Christ in quiet, Christ in danger

Christ in hearts of all that love me

Christ in mouth of friend or stranger.

(390-461 A.D.)



**FEAST
OF THE
TRANSFIGURATION**

Second Sunday of Lent — March 13, 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.

Candle offerings this week ...

Sanctuary light: In memory of Florence N. & Edward T. Flynn, by their family

Blessed Virgin: In memory of Renzie Lamb by his family

St. Raphael: A special Intention, by Pat Chenail



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

Lectio Divina Second Sunday of Lent

Monday, March 14, 2022 from 9.30 - 10.45am. For the zoom link, reach out to williamstowncatholics.org



DONATIONS ~ THANK YOU!

Food Pantry: Daniel & Susan Lynch; David & Anne Leja; Robert & Margaret Scrivens

In memory of: Dorothy Paulsen by Greg & Mary Shine

In memory of: James Hodgkins by Mary Jo Carpenter

In memory of: Fredrica Judge by Therese Taft; Tim & Maureen Moore

OFFERTORY REPORT

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

PARISH COLLECTIONS: *March 6, 2022*

GENERAL:	\$1,868.00
ONLINE DONATIONS:	\$440.00
MAIL IN DONATIONS:	\$710.00
MASSES:	\$300.00
ASH WEDNESDAY:	\$834.00
EASTER FLOWERS:	\$470.00
UTILITY / FUEL:	\$115.00
TOTAL PARISH DONATIONS:	\$4,737.00

DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS

BLACK & INDIAN MISSIONS: **\$191.00**

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

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@dioceseofspringfield.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**.

Lent



Lenten Reminders

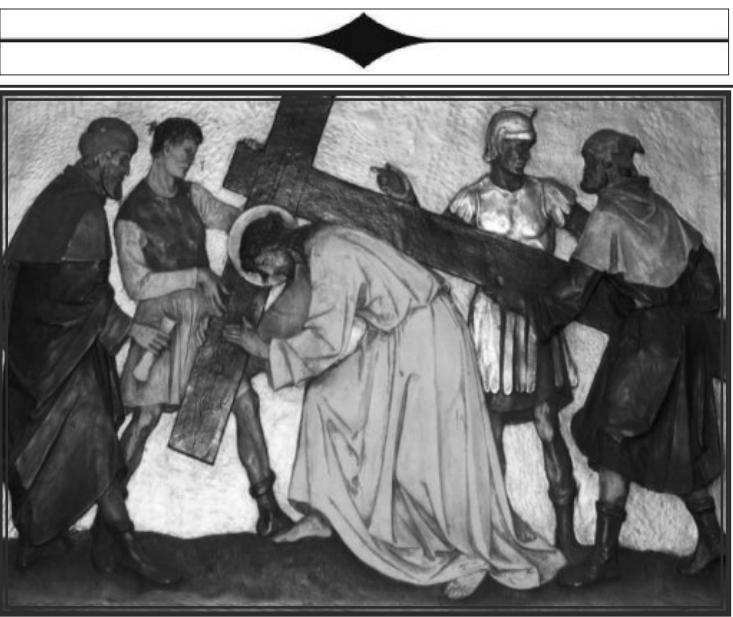
Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence from meat.

Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence from meat.

Fasting means limiting oneself to one full meal and two smaller meals to maintain physical strength. (These two small meals don't equal a full meal.) This fast obligates those eighteen years of age and not yet fifty-nine years of age.

Abstinence from meat begins at fourteen years of age.

Although the faithful may excuse themselves for a just cause from the laws of fast and abstinence, there is an obligation to substitute another penance. We can't excuse ourselves lightly from this obligation during Lent.



Fridays @ 515 pm in our Parish Church accompanied by music led by Daryl Paul, PhD.

Enter into the journey of Christ's Passion and Death this Lent through the Stations.



Benediction

Fridays during Lent @ 5 pm following Adoration which starts at 3 pm

THANK YOU!

Thank you to the participants in the Generations of Faith Mission Session last Sunday. Thanks to the presenters, Carol DeMayo updated us on the mission of the Food Pantry during the height of the pandemic and in recent weeks. Thank you to Jay Schroeder'22 and Jack Murphy'23 who spoke on the mission of evangelizing peers and friends effectively through care and love as well as relying on God's grace. Thank you all.

Thank you to also those who assisted with the hearty home cooked mac and cheese Lenten lunch as well as the home kits: Sandra King, Maureen Strype, Kristin McCormack and Tara Barnes. Thank you to the fourteen adults who participated in the first Consultation for the Synod and Tara Barnes who compiled notes of our first Consultation in the Parish for the Synod.

SUMMARY OF THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sat., Mar 12	3-4 pm Adoration & Confessions in the Church 4.30 pm Mass
Sun., Mar 13	8.30am & 10.30am Masses 8.00 pm at Thompson Chapel
Mon., Mar 14	8.30am Mass 9.30-10.45am Lectio Divina
Tues., Mar 15	8.30am Mass
Wed., Mar 16	8.30 am Communion Service 7.30pm Second of the Lenten Lectures in the Parish Hall
Thurs., Mar 17	8.30am Mass
Fri., Mar 18	3-5pm Adoration 5pm Benediction 5.15pm Stations of the Cross
Sat., Mar 19	3-4 pm Adoration & Confessions in the Church 4.30 pm Mass

Annual Catholic Appeal

The 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal is underway in western Mass. As you consider a gift, sacrifice, you should take time to know how your donation is used. Read the brochure and learn about the service agencies and ministries of the diocese that rely on support from the ACA to do the work of Jesus Christ in the world today. It helps to feed the hungry, protect the unborn, to educate: children, adults, and future priests. It supports our youth as they grow in faith, cares for the dying and those who grieve. Your gift puts your Catholic faith into action in western Massachusetts. Please prayerfully consider giving. *Thank you.*

PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

The pandemic hit particularly hard the Christians in the Holy Land. Most of them depend on pilgrimages to work. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is also necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land where the Church was born.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

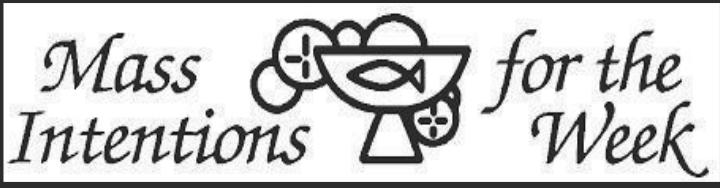
For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday

Bishop Visiting Williams College

The Williams College Newman Catholic Community welcomed Bishop Byrne last Sunday for an evening Mass in Thompson Chapel and at a reception in Griffin Hall. Below (in the photo), Bishop shares a laugh with President Maud Mandel and some of the students and faculty who gathered to welcome Bishop.



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 www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org



THIS WEEK'S EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION

Saturday, Mar 12

4.30pm **Kathy Reed McGee & Avelina Alvarez**, by the Jacob & Grinberg-Funes family

Sunday, Mar 13 –2nd Sunday of Lent

8.30am **Janet Solbatti**, by the Whaley family

10.30am **Manning & Meade families** of Williamstown

10.30am **(Willinet Channel 1303 in Williamstown)**

8.00 pm **Thompson Memorial Chapel**

Monday, Mar 14

8.30am **Paul Farmer MD**, by David & Barbara Primmer

Tuesday, Mar 15

8.30am **Germaine Rhodes**, by her family

Wednesday, Mar 16

8.30am **Communion Service**

Thursday, Mar 17

8.30am **Patti Brundage & the Brundage family**, by the family

Saturday, Mar 19

4.30pm **Maciora family**, by Joseph G V Maciora

Sunday, Mar 20 –3rd Sunday of Lent

8.30am **Aidan Crane**, by Reiko Yamada

10.30am **Mary Leja**, by Donald & Irene Lestage

10.30am **(Willinet Channel 1303 in Williamstown)**

8.00 pm **Thompson Memorial Chapel**

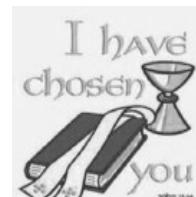
Let us pray for our parishioners, family members, friends and benefactors that are sick at home, in hospitals or in nursing homes.

A VOCATION VIEW

Second Sunday of Lent – March 13, 2022

“This is my beloved Son, hear him.” Is our Lord asking you to follow him in tending His flock as a priest, sister or brother? Call Fr. Jonathan Reardon 413-248-7034, or write:

vocations@diospringfield.org



Lenten Lecture Series

Sts. Patrick and Raphael Parish Hall
Williamstown, MA

Wednesdays Nights, 7:30 p.m.
Except for the third lecture,
which will be on **Thursday**, March 24)

March 9 – April 6

Eucharistic Imagination

THIS WEEK

March 16: "Remain with Us: Adoration and the Eucharistic Presence"
—Amy Chandran
PhD Candidate in Political Theory,
Harvard University

March 24: "Fluidity: What the Eucharist Teaches Us"
—Angela Franks
Professor of Theology,
St. John's Seminary, Boston, MA

March 30: "The Eucharistic Sacrifice: Drawing Us (Wednesday) Near to Divine Love"
—Fr. Hugh Cleary, C.S.C.
Parochial Vicar,
Sacred Heart & St. Francis De Sales,
Bennington, VT

April 6:
(Wednesday)
"Sacrament of Charity: Eucharistic Friendship
—Fr. Peter Gaustch, O.P.
Associate Chaplain, Providence College



CONGRATULATIONS to our own Vincent and Jeffrey Welch! Vincent had the leading role in Chitty Chitty Bang Bang at Mt. Greylock Regional HS last weekend. Vincent has been starring in productions for several years now—watch for him on Broadway!

Jeff has been the director of the high school plays for 23 years and is excellent at what he does. Altogether, a magnificent production—we cannot wait till next year!



Ukraine where there are already more than 2.9 million people in need of assistance! There is great risk of additional suffering both within

Ukraine and for those who are fleeing to neighboring countries for safety. CRS and our partners need immediate support to meet both ongoing needs as the situation intensifies.



<https://support.crs.org/donate/donate-ukraine>



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