

# Saints Patrick & Raphael Parish

*Williamstown Massachusetts*

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## Parish Staff

**Pastor**.....Rev. John P. McDonagh  
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**Parish Accountant**.....E Lary Grossman  
**Maintenance**.....Gary Jolin  
**Faith Formation Coordinator**.....Karyn O'Toole

## Lay Leadership

**Pastoral Council Chair**.....Al Chrosny  
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**Safe Environment & Victim Assistance Coordinators:**  
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## Organists

Michael Dilthey, D. Mus & Christopher Caproni

## Mass Schedule

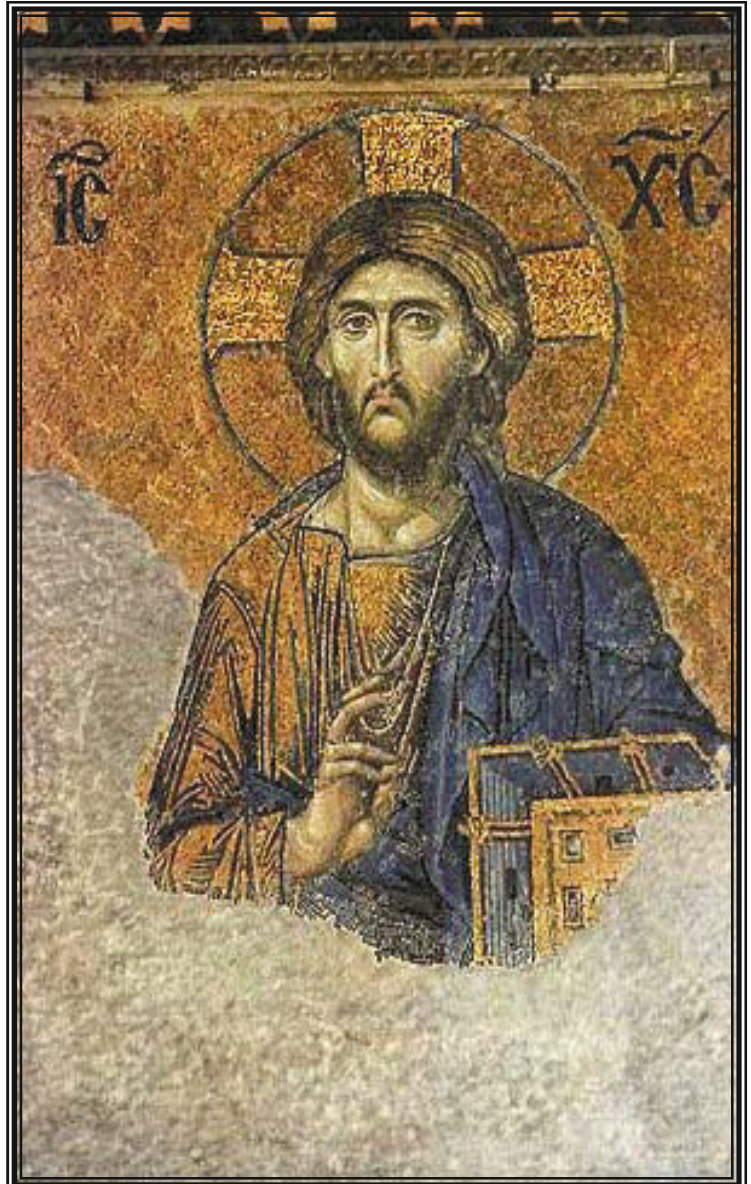
**Saturday**:.....4.30pm  
**Sunday**:.....8.30am;10.30am  
**Weekdays Monday, Tuesday & Thursday**:.....8.30am  
**Weekdays Wednesday Communion Service**:.....8.30am  
**Holy Day Mass**:.....8.30am & 7.00pm  
**Reconciliation**:.....Saturday 3.00-4.00pm  
.....on the rectory porch  
**Adoration**:.....Saturday 2.30-4pm

## 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.*

**November 20, 2022**

*Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe*



*Wishing you and your loved ones a  
Blessed Thanksgiving!*

## Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe — November 20, 2022



### Candle offerings this week ...

Sanctuary light: In loving memory of Edward T & Florence N Flynn by Catherine Flynn

Blessed Virgin: Love & Prayers to the Mancuso family by Donna Denelli-Hess

St. Raphael: Special Intention, by Pat Chenail

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



**W**elcome to all who are visiting us 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: Ruth Richardson, Hancock Volunteer Fire Dept.

In memory of: Lucille Cahoon by Timothy & Mary Ronan

In honor of: Therese Taft's birthday by Tim & Maureen Moore

### OFFERTORY REPORT

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

#### PARISH COLLECTIONS: November 13, 2022

GENERAL:	\$2,019.00
ONLINE DONATIONS:	\$414.00
MAIL IN DONATIONS:	\$355.00
CANDLES:	\$40.00
VOTIVES:	\$41.00
MASSES:	\$20.00
ONE TIME DONATION:	\$5,919.39
UTILITY /	\$407.00
FUEL:	\$150.00
TOTAL PARISH DONATIONS:	\$9,365.39

Thank you for your continued support of our parish, we appreciate it. God bless you, *Fr. John*

**Lectio Divina** Nov 21th, 2022 from 9.30—10.45am .

Zoom Link:

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**Thanksgiving Mass**  
**Thurs Nov 24 @ 8.30 am** - Please bring along non-perishable items to assist in replenishing the Food Pantry. Start the day thanking God at the Eucharist.

**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. 2.30-4pm

**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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays, 9am-12pm

**Meals Ministry** prep & delivery: 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:reportabuse@diospringfield.org).

**New Direction** - formerly N. Berkshire Pregnancy Center 413.346.4291 or email: [info@newdirectionpc.org](mailto: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.**

## THE FOOD PANTRY

Christmas distribution will be  
**Wed, 12.14.22**

We need turkeys or hams for Christmas as well as all the fixin's; in fact, anything you would want to donate will be most welcome. Please note we need your contributions before the distribution dates. We have also found that gift cards are useful for those with special dietary needs. Please call Carol DeMayo at 413.458.3149 if you have any questions.



### Thank you

*Many thanks to the Catholic Williams Students who helped box the Thanksgiving donations for distribution*



**Bring your own  
coffee mug  
Coffee Hour Sun Nov  
20, 2022 after 8.30 am  
& 10.30 am Masses**

Before heading to grandparents or parents for

Thanksgiving, let us catch up with each other after the 8.30 am or 10.30 am Masses. To foster a sense of being at home, don't forget to bring your own coffee mug. Gary Jolin, at the suggestion of the Parish Council, is working on a space for us to keep our own coffee mug in the kitchen.

**GIVING TUESDAY**  
MAKE A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE

**W**atch for a mailing as our Parish, at the suggestion of the Finance Council, participates in the international day of "Giving Tuesday". Support the Parish through one time on-line giving, snail mail or in pew contribution. Tuesday, November 29 - Giving Tuesday this year.

Thank you for your support.

**CONGRATULATIONS to George Haddad from St. John Paul II Parish in Adams who won The Thanksgiving Dinner Raffle.**

*Thank you for supporting the wonderful works of the Knights of Columbus...*



While enjoying visiting for coffee, be sure to check out the safe environment improvements in the classroom, library and Parish hall doors. **Thanks** to the Buildings and Grounds Committee for assistance with this upgrade.



The Parish has twenty 6 foot or 8 foot tables that served the Parish in the past. All or some tables are available for a donation. If interested, please reach out to Gary Jolin directly or through the Parish Office.

## SUMMARY OF THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

**Sat., Nov 19** 2.30-4pm Adoration in church  
3-4pm Confessions in parish center  
4.30pm Mass

**Sun., Nov 20** Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe  
8.30 & 10.30 am Masses  
Coffee hour to follow both Masses  
9.30-10.15am Faith Formation  
8.00pm Mass at Thompson

**Mon., Nov 21** 8.30am Mass  
Faith Formation  
After school till 4.30pm

**Tues., Nov 22** 8.30am Mass

**Wed., Nov 23** Communion Service  
Office closes at noon

**Thurs., Nov 24** 8.30am Thanksgiving Mass  
Office closed

**Sat., Nov 26** 2.30-4pm Adoration in church  
3-4pm Confessions in parish center  
4.30pm Mass

**Sun., Nov 27** 1st Sunday of Advent  
8.30 & 10.30 am Masses  
9.30-10.15am NO formal Faith Formation however, there will be Advent Wreath Making during this time which is open to anyone wanting to participate.)  
8.00pm Mass at Thompson

## BAZAARS & FESTIVALS...

**Christmas at Sacred Heart Church / Mary Verdi**  
**Sunday, December 4, 2022 @ 1pm**  
191 Elm Street, Pittsfield, MA Free to all!

## ***Life is Goodbye, Life is Hello***

### **a new Parish effort to deal with loss**

Our Parish just gathered for All Souls Day Mass to pray with those who have recently lost loved ones. Continue to pray for all knowing loss to be blessed with grace of peace. Loss is tough. And, at some point, we all deal with loss.

I am aware that many people know loss in their life right now. It maybe grief, it may be other losses: health, relationships, financial. I sense that it would be healthy for our relationship with God, others and ourselves if we sought to deal with whatever loss we struggle.

I have done some training with Sister Patricia Smith, SSJ, a sister who worked for many years in Kenya and with people dealing with loss.

I would like to bring people together to embrace some tools, spiritual exercises and scripture that can help in our relationships with God, others and ourselves. If you think you would have something to offer, or would benefit from such an experience, prayerfully consider it.

I am thinking of assembling together after the New Year. Meet at the convenience of the group, in the early afternoon or early evening. We would engage in some spiritual exercises together and others at home between our eight meetings. **Watch for more details!**

## **ADVENT ACTIVITIES**

### **Advent Wreath making Sun, Nov 27 & Mon Nov 28**

Sunday students are not scheduled for class on that day but we hope that all families who are in town will join the fun on this First Sunday of Advent.

Monday Students will do this project within their class time on Monday afternoon.

### **Advent Candle lighting at Mass**

Faith Formation families will be given the opportunity to sign up for this special experience on the four Sundays of Advent: **November 27, December 4, 11, 18.**

### **Blessing & Lighting of the Christmas Creche Mon, Dec 5 @ 4:00 PM**

A wonderful parish event last year sponsored by Generations of Faith of the blessing and lighting of the Christmas Creche will take place again this year. We will be gathering in conjunction with our Monday classes. But, the outdoor event (in front of the Church) will be open to the Sunday students. The Parish Community is welcome to participate. Pizza and Hot Chocolate will follow the blessed event.

### **Harper Center Christmas Cheer Visit—Monday, December 19 @ 3:30 pm - All welcome to along**

A few years back, the Faith Formation students prepared a special holiday program for the elders who visit the Harper Center. We will be asking families to

## *Mass Intentions for the Week*

### **THIS WEEK'S EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION**

#### **Saturday, Nov 19**

**4.30pm Linda Lanier Cain**, by the Adams High School Class of 1961

#### **Sunday, Nov 20—Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

**8.30am Eugene Donatelli**, wedding anniversary remembrance, by Pat Donatelli

**10.30am Justin Cameron**, by Carl & Paula Wolf

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

#### **Monday, Nov 21**

**8.30am Raymond Fesenmaier, Jr.**, by Henry & Meg Pierpan

#### **Tuesday, Nov 22**

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

#### **Wednesday, Nov 23**

Communion Service

#### **Thursday, Nov 24**

**8.30am People of the Parish**

#### **Saturday, Nov 26**

**4.30pm Charles & Mary Querrey**, wedding anniversary remembrance, by Carolyn Parker

#### **Sunday, Nov 27—1st Sunday of Advent**

**8.30am Alice Joseph**, by Robert & Barbara St. Pierre

**10.30am Claire Putman**, birthday remembrance, by her family

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

## **POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER**

### ***Children Who Suffer***

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.



provide a special holiday treat to share and the Center will provide hot beverages. We welcome Sunday students to take a part. Do any of you play musical instruments? This event is also open to the parish community so invite family and friends to come!





**Faith Formation News:** Sunday classes were on break this week, but some dedicated volunteers came for our SERVICE SUNDAY. Miss Bushway and the Junior High group assisted with Meals Ministry, filling paper bags with fruit, dessert, and extras to accompany each hot meal, including a Thanksgiving card, handmade by students in the Faith formation program. As the bags were being packed, another group of students were busy creating cards for the Food Pantry distribution. In all, over 100 greetings were made to bring cheer and prayerful support.



On Monday, students learned about Saint Elizabeth of Hungary whose feast day was on November 17. The connection was made between her service during her time and the work of our Food Pantry now of feeding the hungry. The students wrapped up their study of the sacraments with a visit to the church. They assisted Father John with the blessing of Holy Water and were shown about the sacred oils used for the sacraments. While they were there, Father John invited them to take a closer look at the painting of the Epiphany and brought the characters to life

for them. As they returned to the center for the remainder of their class time, they learned about the proper way to dispose of Holy Water into the ground and watered the plants by our statues.

As we prepare for the Advent season, we invite parishioners to join us for some of our special activities. Why should the children have all the fun? Advent wreath making on Sunday, November 27, at 9:30 AM-- Blessing of the Christmas creche on Monday, December 5, at 4:00 PM--Holiday Cheer presentation at the Harper Center on Monday, December 19 at 3:30 PM. Please contact the Faith Formation Office at 413.458.5443 for more information.

**Special note:** we are looking for a pianist to accompany us at the Harper Center. (traditional Christmas carols)



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