

Saints Patrick & Raphael Parish

Williamstown Massachusetts

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Parish Staff

Pastor.....Rev. John P. McDonagh, STL, JCL, MBA
Parish Secretary.....Debbie Cameron
Parish Accountant.....E Lary Grossman
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Lay Leadership

Pastoral Council Chair.....Al Chrosny
Finance Council Chair.....Rebecca Raimor Sartori
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Donna Denelli-Hess - ddenellihess@gmail.com;
Lynne Blake & Frances Flaherty

Organists

Michael Dilthey, D. Music & Joshua Birns-Sprague

Mass Schedule

Saturday:.....4.30pm
Sunday:.....8.30 & 10.30am
Thompson Chapel *during the academic year*.....7.30pm
Weekdays Mon, Thurs & Fri.....8.30am
Tuesday.....7.00am
Holy Day Mass:.....8.30am & 7.00pm
Penance:.....Saturday 3-4.00pm
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.

April 6 2025

Fifth Sunday of Lent



Fifth Sunday of Lent—April 6, 2025



Candle offerings this week ...

Sanctuary light: Linda Scialabba, 14th anniversary remembrance, by Lorraine Saulnier

Blessed Virgin: Special Intention, by Pat Chenail

St. Raphael: Special Intentions, by Kim & Judy Chapman

To reserve candles for a particular week, please call the parish office. The suggested offering is \$10.00.



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

Low-gluten hosts are available. Please notify the priest in the sacristy **before** Mass.



Support Saints Patrick and Raphael Parish

You can contribute to today's offertory even if you don't carry cash!

Scan the QR code to make your gift online.



OUR CONDOLENCES TO:

John, Carin, Henry & Arden Wall on the death of John's father, John J Wall, Sr., on March 24th in Pittsfield.

May John rest in peace...

DONATIONS ~ THANK YOU!

Food Pantry: Jean Swift; Mark Florence

In memory of: Benjamin Clancy by Nick Flynn

In memory of: Robert & Alice Danaher by Julie Danaher

In memory of: Kiera Boucher by Craig & Jo-Ann Murch

OFFERTORY REPORT PARISH COLLECTIONS: March 30, 2025

General:	\$2,511.00
Mail In Donations:	\$282.00
Online Donations:	\$138.00
Utility / Fuel:	\$160.00
Easter Flowers:	\$130.00
Masses:	\$155.00
Votive Candles:	\$52.00
TOTAL PARISH DONATIONS:	\$3,428.00

Thank you for your support, it is greatly appreciated.
Your friend in Christ, *Fr. John*

Lord, all that we have is a gift from you. Now we give back our offerings. May these first fruits of all you have given us enable us to do your work. Use our gifts Lord to build up your church and the kingdom of God here in our midst.

Baptism: Call the parish office to schedule. Baptisms normally celebrated on the last Sunday of month at 12pm.

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

Penance: Sat., 3-4pm in the Church

Eucharistic Adoration – Sat. 2.30-4pm in the Church

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

OCIA: See pastor if interested in becoming Catholic.

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

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 413.347.8005 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.***

Looking to see what is happening in the Church...
iObserve.org your one source for accurate news on the Catholic Church, locally and globally.

2025 Jubilee Year Pilgrims of Hope



Diocese of Springfield Lenten Regulation, 2025

1.) Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of abstinence from meat as well as days of fast, when only one full meal is allowed. On days of fast, two other meatless meals may be taken according to one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal.

2.) The other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat.

3.) The obligation to abstain from meat begins at age fourteen (14) and does not cease.

4.) The obligation to fast begins at age eighteen (18) and ceases at age fifty-nine (59)

Please note: Although the faithful may excuse themselves from fast and abstinence for a just cause, there is an obligation to substitute another penance in its place. No Catholic should lightly excuse him/herself from these Lenten obligations.

Week of Spiritual Renewal Reconciliation Opportunities.....

Sunday, April 6, 2024 – Sunday, April 13, 2024

***Begins April 6th at 2pm at Sacred Heart Church
in Pittsfield with Bishop William Byrne***

**Bishop will offer a reflection on the theme:
"The Jubilee of Hope, A Synodal Journey"**

**The talk will be followed by
The Sacrament of Reconciliation at 3pm.**

**Many of our area priests will be on hand to help
with individual confessions.**

Reconciliation

Monday, April 7th -

Our Lady of the Valley, Sheffield –9 to 10am

St. Elizabeth of Hungary, North Adams 5:30-7:30pm

Weds, April 9th-

Our Lady of the Valley, Sheffield – 9am to 10am

St. Joseph, Pittsfield 11:30-12pm

St. Mary's, Cheshire 6:30pm

St. Mark's, Pittsfield 6-7pm

St. Charles, Pittsfield 6pm Holy Hour & Confessions

Thurs, April 10 - St Joseph, Pittsfield 11:30-12

Friday, April 11- St. Joseph, Pittsfield 11:30-12

Saturday, April 12 Sts Patrick & Raphael 3-4pm

Sunday, April 13 - St. Anne's, Lenox 3pm

Lenten Lecture Series Faith, Food, and the Environment

**April 9 Integrating Farming, Food, & the Life
of Faith**

**-Emily Sullivan
Student Support Coordinator,
Thomas Aquinas College**

Parish Hall

**Sts. Patrick and Raphael Parish
54 Southworth Street, Williamstown, MA
Wed Nights, 7.30pm / March 12-April 9, 2025**

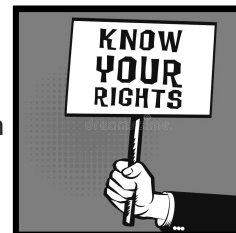
Know Your Rights...

*I do not wish to speak with you, answer your questions, or sign or hand you any documents based on my 5th Amendment rights under the United States Constitution

*I do not give you permission to enter my home based on my 4th Amendment rights under the United States Constitution unless you have a warrant to enter, signed by a judge or magistrate with my name on it that you slide under the door.

*I do not give you permission to search any of my belongings based on my 4th Amendment rights.

*I choose to exercise my constitutional rights.



Usted tiene derechos constitucionales:

***NO ABRA LA PUERTA** si un agente de inmigración esta tocando la puerta.

***NO CONTESTE NINGUNA PREGUNTA** de un agente de inmigración si el trata de hablar con usted. Usted tiene el derecho de mantenerse callado.

***NO FIRME NADA** sin antes hablar con un abogado. Usted tiene el derecho de hablar con un abogado.

***Si usted está afuera de su casa,** pregunte al agente si es libre para irse y si dice que si, váyase con tranquilidad.

***ENTREGUE ESTA TARJETA AL AGENTE.** Si usted está dentro de su casa, muestre la tarjeta por la ventana o pásela debajo de la puerta.

Let light shine our of darkness...

2 Corinthians 4:6

Call 988 or Text "help" to Crisis Help Text Line at 988 if you or someone you know is considering suicide. Contact the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline which is available twenty-four hours a day. Add the new national three digit phone number 988 in your telephone contact list or you can also email www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org

Faith FORMATION

FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

OCIA and the Season of Lent

Congratulations to our catechumen who participated in the *Second Scrutiny* on Sunday, March 30. Catherine Grace Cangelosi, will participate in the last Scrutiny next weekend as she prepares to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. During the season of Lent, we accompany Catherine and the other individuals preparing for sacraments at Easter by witnessing traditional "rites" to assist them in their spiritual development. The parish is invited to pray for our catechumen, candidates, their sponsors, and their catechists in these important days ahead.



Sunday Service:

Cathy Nolan's class of 7th and 8th grade students worked with Carol DeMayo this past Sunday learning about Food Pantry operations. They began with prayer, making the connection of their work to God's call to "feed the hungry." The students helped sort some recent donations and then filled 16 boxes with assorted items for distribution this week. Thank you to Charles, Aidan, Bayleigh, Ryder, and Maria for their assistance with one of the parish's most vital ministries.



First Reconciliation on Monday, March 31

Seven children experienced the graces of forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Surrounded by their families and Prayer Partners, the children were guided to know God's love with the eyes of faith. A celebration followed the sacrament to help the children to recognize the joy of God's mercy.

The Parish is most grateful to Sandra King, second grade catechist, for her planning and execution of the details of this event. We appreciate the involvement of all the families and the accompaniment of the Prayer Partners. May these young people inspire all of us to seek forgiveness and mercy this Lent. Special blessings for Morgan, Sam, Eloise, Crystal, Anica, Emmitt, and Felipe on this grace-filled occasion.



Birthday Blessings for Allie and Maria celebrating their special days in early April.

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Mass Intentions

THIS WEEK'S EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION

Sat, Apr 5

4.30pm

Mary Ellen Morrissey, by Deacon George & Sue Galli

Sun, Apr 6 5th Sunday of Lent

8.30am

People of the Parish

10.30am

James Fesenmaier, by Henry & Meg Pierpan

Mon, Apr 7

8.30am

Roger Quinn, by the Nolan family

Tues, Apr 8

7.00am

Alicja Makusiewicz, by Fr. John

Thurs, Apr 10

8.30am

Benjamin Clancy by Deacon George & Sue Galli

Fri, Apr 11

8.30am

Stephen & Elizabeth S., by Constance Berman

Sat, Apr 12

4.30pm

Ruth Richardson, by Paul Dube

Sun, Apr 13 Palm Sunday

8.30am

Norma Delisle, by Carole Kalisz

10.30am

Waclawa Juraszewicz, by Larry & Stephanie Wood

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

Mass Offerings—

A beautiful way to remember and pray for those we've lost is to offer a Mass for him/her. We are booking 2025 Masses—make sure your dates are available! The customary offering in the diocese is only \$15.00.

CAN YOU HELP...

One of our senior parishioners is looking for housing in a quiet, nonsmoking, no pets allowed place *as soon as possible*. If you, or someone you know can help please contact tmsecomserv@hotmail.com or call 413.652.5059. **Thank you!**



Holy Week Schedule



Holy Week - allow Jesus to accompany you, participate in the services. And, why not invite a family member, friend, or neighbor to accompany you.

Palm Sunday Weekend Masses Apr 12-13

4.30 pm

8.30 am, 10.30 am

7.30 pm (Thompson Chapel)

Monday Apr 14

Via Crucis (outdoors) 6 pm

Wednesday Apr 16

Confessions 5.30 pm - 7 pm

Holy Thursday Apr 17

Soup Supper 4.45 pm - 6.15 pm

Mass of the Lord's Supper with Washing of Feet 7 pm

Adoration available until 10 pm

Good Friday April 18

Celebration of the Lord's Passion & Veneration of the Cross 3 pm

Stations of the Cross (outdoors) 5 pm

Easter Weekend Masses Apr 19-20

Easter Vigil Mass 7.30 pm

Easter Sunday Masses

8.30 am & 10.30 am

2 pm (Thompson Chapel)



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

Council #230

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday May 4 2025

8:00 AM – 12:30PM

**Sts. Patrick and Raphael Parish Hall
53 Southworth Street, Williamstown, MA**

Tickets Adults - \$12.00

Children 12 & under \$6.00

Baptism

Balor Frederick Lenox was baptized on Sunday, March 30, at noon. Congratulations to William and Kathryn, Balor's parents on their precious child. Thank you to Douglas Lenox and Molly Kurzanski who came to town to take on the special role as god-parents. We look forward to Balor growing in faith with us. Balor was the first recipient of a handmade blanket provided by a crafty parishioner.

Blankets for Baptisms:

We would like to begin presenting handmade knitted or crocheted blankets for babies being baptized. If you like to knit or crochet, we could use your skill to make these gifts. Contact Regina Quinn at reggiequinn7@gmail.com or Faith Formation saintpatrickandraphaelfaith@gmail.com if you can help. We have several baptisms for babies coming up soon.

