

# Saints Patrick & Raphael Parish

*Williamstown, Massachusetts*

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Church and center are handicapped accessible.

## Parish Staff

*Pastor* ..... Rev. John P. McDonagh  
*Deacon* ..... Rev. Mr. Gregory LaFreniere  
*Catechetical Leader & Parish Secretary*  
..... Debbie Cameron  
*Parish Accountant* ..... Linda Ludwig  
*Maintenance* ..... Gary Jolin

## Lay Leadership

*Pastoral Council Chair* ..... Jeffrey Welch  
*Finance Council Chair* ..... Tom Gajda  
*Child Advocate* ..... Donna Denelli-Hess

## Organists

Michael Dilthey, D. Mu & Joshua Birns-Sprague

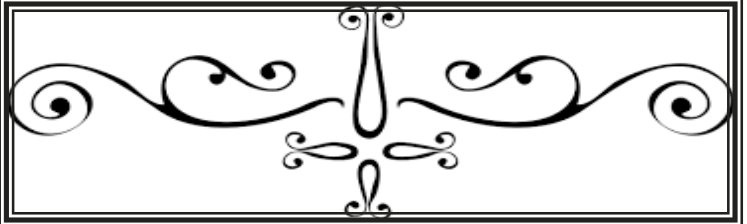
## Mass Schedule

**Saturday**: ..... 4:30 p.m.  
**Sunday**: ..... 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
**Weekdays** Monday through Thursday ..... 8:30 a.m.  
**Holy Day Mass**: ..... 8:30 a.m. & 7:00p.m.  
**Reconciliation**: ..... Saturday 3:00-4:00 p.m.  
**Adoration**: ..... Saturday 3:00-4:00 p.m.

## 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.*

**May 31, 2020**  
***Pentecost Sunday***



# Pentecost Sunday— May 31, 2020



Welcome to all who are visiting this week-end! We hope you feel at home in your 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.

Pray for world peace



God bless America

**Candle offerings this week are given to the Glory of God and...**

Sanctuary light:

Blessed Virgin: Special intentions by Kim & Judy Chapman

St. Raphael:

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



**INFORMATION**—Go to [iobserve.org](http://iobserve.org) or [diospringfield.org](http://diospringfield.org) for the latest information on what's happening with our Diocese and/or the church at large.

**RESPECT** From today's Responsorial, Psalm 104:



"If you take away their breath, they perish and return to their dust."

Life is a gift-honor and protect it.

## EXPECTING A BABY?

Expectant parents can enroll now for a Baptism Preparation session prior to their child's birth. Let the parish office know so that we can send you information on the important role parents undertake in being the "first teachers" of their child's Catholic faith. We will also provide information and requirements for the selection of an appropriate Godparent. Contact the parish office for more information.

**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.

**Rosary:** Mon-Thu., 8:05am / **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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays, 1-3pm

**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.**

## OFFERTORY REPORT

**MASSSES HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED SINCE MARCH 15, 2020. THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO CONTINUE TO SEND IN THEIR OFFERINGS.**

### PARISH COLLECTIONS:

**MAY 17**

**GENERAL:**

\$ Not available  
At time of

**TOTAL:**

\$ Printing.

### DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS

Thank you for your heartwarming and generous support while Masses are suspended. It is greatly appreciated.

**WELCOME BACK EVERYONE!  
WE HAVE MISSED YOU!**

*"Nothing great is ever achieved without much enduring."*

*-St. Catherine of Siena*

## OFFERTORY

Many of you have been asking how you can continue to support the parish during this difficult time with no Masses to attend. For those whose resources allow, you can do so by mailing envelopes to the Parish Office or contribute through your bank's online bill paying service. Or, there is another option within the Diocese's website [www.diospringfield.org](http://www.diospringfield.org) where we are able to make direct contributions to our parish (the very last parish listed) at:

<https://diospringfield.wshareonline.org/ws/opportunities/ParishSupport> **Thank you!**



## DONATIONS ~ THANK YOU!

**Food Pantry:** Julie Henderson; Marlene Walt; Lawrence & Judith Wright; Coverys HealthCare Foundation / Dr. Erwin Stuebner; Greg & Mary Shine; James & Jennifer Jayko; Robert & Margaret Scrivens

### Food Pantry:

**In honor of:** Fern Murtagh for Mother's Day by Shannon Murtagh & Jonathan Schwarz

## 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.

Please go to our website: [www.williamstowncatholics.org](http://www.williamstowncatholics.org).

Please go to our **FaceBook page**, Sts. Patrick and Raphael Roman Catholic Parish.

**The Mass from our church** is televised on Willinet on Sunday mornings for Williamstown residents at 10:30am on channel 1303.

**Diocesan Information**—with the ever changing situation from the Coronavirus, we will try to put all updates on these two sources for you. For diocesan information you can go to [diospringfield.org](http://diospringfield.org)

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

The Mass from Dalton is live streamed Saturday @ 4pm and Sunday @ 10am on [www.stagnesc.com](http://www.stagnesc.com)

Let us pray for each other, Parish Staff: Fr. John, Deacon Greg, Debbie, Gary, Donna & Linda

## NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

"an addict, any addict, can stop using drugs, lose the desire to use, and find a new way to live." Help is available for anyone with a drug problem. Support groups and other resources are available for addicts and their families. Call your local NA Hotline—Berkshire County: 413-443-4377 or [www.berkshirena.org](http://www.berkshirena.org). Bennington County: 802-773-5575 or [www.gmana.org](http://www.gmana.org).

## Readings for the week of May 31, 2020

Sunday: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87/Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/Ps 90/Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/Ps 123/Mk 12:18-27

Thursday: 2 Tm 2:8-15/Ps 4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [4]/Mk 12:28-34

Friday: 2 Tm 3:10-17/Ps 119/Mk 12:35-37

Saturday: 2 Tm 4:1-8/Ps 71/Mk 12:38-44

Next Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18

## Observances for the week of May 31, 2020

Sunday: Pentecost Sunday

Monday: The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

Tuesday: Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs

Wednesday: St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

Thursday:

Friday: St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr

Saturday: St. Norbert, Bishop

Next Sunday: The Most Holy Trinity ©LPi



## ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2020

"FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU," DECLARES THE LORD,  
"PLANS TO PROSPER YOU AND NOT FOR WOE, SO AS TO GIVE YOU A  
FUTURE OF HOPE."

## 150th SPRINGFIELD DIOCESAN ANNIVERSARY HISTORICAL FACTS

**Bishop Weldon and the Media**—A former priest and Navy chaplain, Bishop Christopher Weldon ushers in the era of radio and television. The popular, "The Hour of the Crucified" and "Chalice of Salvation," both produced by the Passionists, take to the airwaves in the 1950s. In 1954, the original *Catholic Mirror* diocesan magazine ceases publication as the biweekly newspaper, "*The Catholic Observer*," is formed.

## MASSES

**PLEASE NOTE: *Despite the churches being closed, Father John continues to celebrate Mass daily.*** The intentions in our Mass book are prayed for during this unannounced Mass. When our present situation with the Coronavirus and the cancellation of Masses has subsided, we will be reaching out to those who have scheduled Masses during this difficult time to make alternative arrangements if you so choose. Please know that your loved one is in Fr. John's prayers, as well as all of you...

## CAMP HOLY CROSS IN GOSHEN ANNOUNCES CANCELLATION OF 2020 CAMP SEASON

Camp Holy Cross (CHC), a private summer camp operated by the Diocese of Springfield, has announced plans to cancel its 2020 camping season due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Based on the timing and uncertainty of impending Massachusetts Department of Public Health social distancing rules and regulations, CHC has decided to err on the side of caution for the health and safety of its campers and employees, according to Rev. Christopher Malatesta, pastor of St. Agnes Church and CHC co-director, and Justin Brown, co-director. "It saddens me as a 25-year director of summer camps that we had to reach this. Rev. Malatesta said the camp's top priority has always been to put the health of its campers first. "We take great pride in providing safe camping experiences for many Diocesan youth and we will return to that mission when we reopen next season stronger than ever," he said.

## A VOCATION VIEW

**Pentecost Sunday** "There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit." Is the Lord inviting you to share your gifts as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? If you are discerning your think God may be calling you please email [vocations@diospringfield.org](mailto:vocations@diospringfield.org). Website: [www.myvocation.com](http://www.myvocation.com).

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## TRAVELING?

Find a Catholic Church anywhere nationwide as well as Mass Times: 1-800-627-7846 or go to [www.Masstimes.org](http://www.Masstimes.org)



## DIRECTIVES FOR REOPENING OF OUR CHURCHES

Bishop Mitchell T. Rozanski  
May 18, 2020

*I was pleased to learn that the opening of churches will be part of the first phase of the state's reopening measures. In recent days we have asked parishes to begin planning for their reopening, taking into account limited capacity and social distancing, as well as cleaning procedures after every public use of the church. That guidance is available on [www.diospringfield.org](http://www.diospringfield.org).*

The previous diocesan restrictions and state guidelines will continue including:

- \*Omission of the Sign of Peace
- \*No communion by the cup
- \*Communion in the hand only
- \*Holy Water fonts to remain empty and covered
- \*Social distancing (6ft minimum) to be abided by at all times
- \*Masks will be required
- \*Diocesan guidelines issued May 15, 2020

Parishes may add weekend liturgies to accommodate the limited allowed capacity, but not before 4:00pm on Saturday.

Parishes should limit the number of persons involved with liturgy to the priest, a deacon, lector, organist and a cantor—no choir. Eucharistic ministers should only be used to the extent they are needed. And social distancing in the sanctuary must be maintained. For the time being no altar servers.

All members of the congregation need to wear masks and they must put them on prior to leaving their vehicle, with a few exceptions:

- \*Children under the age of two should not wear masks
- \*Parents should judge for children between the ages of two and five whether they should wear a mask
- \*All people who claim an exemption because of health can forego wearing a mask. They do not have to provide documentation.
- \*The priest and others with him do not need to wear masks in the sanctuary as long as strict social distancing is maintained. They do have to wear masks when assisting with the distribution of Holy Communion.

We ask that those coming to our churches bring their own hand sanitizer if at all possible.

Time must be allocated between Masses and any time the church is open to the public to conduct a cleaning before the next Mass or public use.

Once permission is given to resume public liturgies this will extend to daily Masses as well as funerals and baptisms. The Rite of Reconciliation may also take place with the required 6ft separation and wearing of masks by priests and penitents.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick may resume under the following conditions;

- \*If this is performed in a hospital or healthcare facility, the guidelines for protective measures, including garments, prevail.
- \*If this is not performed in a hospital or healthcare facility: If available, latex gloves should be worn unless the patient or priest has an allergic sensitivity to latex. Additionally, if available, protective eyewear (a pair of

## THIS WEEK'S EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION

**Saturday, May 30**

4:30pm **For the reopening of the church**

**Sunday, May 31**

8:30am **For the Food Pantry's Guests**

10:30am **Larrie Ann Noyes, by Willis & Claire Boyer**

**Monday, June 1**

8:30am **Students and Teachers**

**Tuesday, June 2**

8:30am **Tommy Quigley by Paul Dube**

**Wednesday, June 3**

8:30am **Communion Service**

**Thursday, June 4**

8:30am **Stefania Jacob, by Paul Dube**

**Saturday, June 6**

4:30pm **Jeff LaCosse by his family**

**Sunday, June 7**

8:30am **For Fr. Al Dagnoli**

10:30am **Stanislaw & Stefania Pytkowski, by Al & Urszula Chrosny**

**PLEASE NOTE:** Daily Masses are now taped and will be on our website.

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glasses will suffice) should be worn. Eyeglasses or goggles or eye protectors can be re-used BUT MUST be cleaned immediately after each visit with Lysol/Clorox wipes or washed with soap and water.

- \*If the priest uses his gloved hand, the glove is to be burned or buried after the visit.
- \*If Holy Communion is given, it is to be distributed in the hand.
- \*Maintain social distance (six feet) with everyone in the room, except the patient.

Even with the resumption of public liturgies, those who are the most vulnerable should not attend Mass in-person; rather they should continue to watch our televised Mass the "Chalice of Salvation" or their parish's streaming or cablecast Masses.

I am extending the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass even after we reopen out of an abundance of caution and concern for the most vulnerable who are most susceptible to contract this virus.

Finally all other parish social gatherings are still not allowed as are home visits by pastoral ministers.

## POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MAY 2020

### For Deacons:

We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.



**Welcome back to Church!** I have missed you. And I know you have missed each other.

How wonderful to begin to reopen the beautiful Parish Church at Pentecost. Let us pray:

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

May the coming of the Holy Spirit enable us to renew the face of our relationships and what really matters. Part of healing in the time of this pandemic can be in coming together prayerfully in a safe and respectful.

Bishop Mitch Rozanski continues to suspend the obligation to participate in Sunday Masses. People who don't feel well, out of charity for themselves and others, can not attend Masses. Anyone uncomfortable due to risk factors or nervous need not attend. Sunday Mass, thanks to Willinet, is broadcast on Cable Channel 103 (?) and posted on the parish Facebook and williamstowncatholic.org.

This bulletin and last week's bulletin as well as the parish website lists our Bishop's directives. There is a short diocesan video that be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=33WH6IN4lhI>

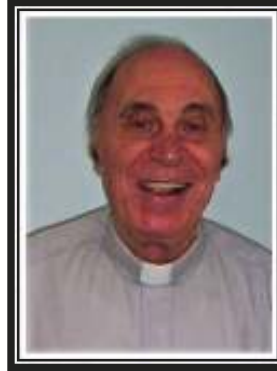
Jakin Miller is working with parish staff to put together a short video relevant to the Parish's reopening to be posted on the Parish website and sent in an upcoming email link.

In advance, I want to thank many people for their hard work, insight and cooperation including your parish staff Debbie Cameron and Gary Jolin. They work tirelessly at the Parish and among us to keep connections going during this challenging time. Thank you. I am grateful for the robust Reopening Committee chaired by Al Chrosny assisting with the implementing directives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Town of Williamstown and the Diocese. Thank you for your concern and care.

I want to thank Ryan Contenta, Town of Williamstown Building Inspector, for his expertise. Also, I want to thank Fr. Bill Cyr, former Pastor, for his challenging cable TV homily last weekend calling us even in the middle of the pandemic see God in the beauty of each other and the nature around us as well as Fr. Michael Lillpopp, former Pastor, for his practical suggestions for the reopening of the Parish church.

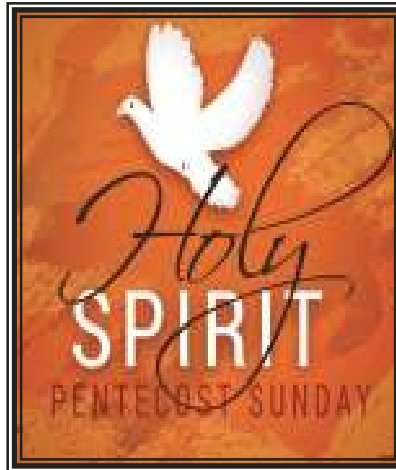
I want to thank Carol DeMayo and the volunteers at the Food Pantry at the Parish Center. They welcome guests every Wednesday mornings whether snow or sun. Their presence calls us to recognize Christ not only the Eucharist we all cherish but also disguised in our neighbor who suffers unemployment or illness.

And, parishioners, thank you for your generous support of both the Parish and the Food Pantry during the past months while the Church was closed. Your generosity to those in need for food among us as well as your support of the mission of the Parish inspires me as a new Pastor. Don't forget to say a prayer for me. Be safe. Blessings, Fr. John



Father Al Dagnoli, SS.CC., a member of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary passed away on May 14, 2020 in New Bedford, MA at the age of 88. Many of us remember Fr. Dagnoli from years past when he would come to give Fr. Cyr respite a few times each year. He was a holy man and friend to many here in northern Berkshire. Rest well, Fr. Dagnoli, in the peace and love of the Lord whom you served and brought to the hearts of so many.

**“Lord, send out your Spirit  
And renew the face of the earth.”**  
Psalm 104



**COME  
HOLY SPIRIT  
GIFTS OF THE HOLY  
SPIRIT**

Wisdom, Understanding,  
Counsel, Fortitude  
Knowledge, Piety  
Fear of the Lord.

**FRUITS OF THE HOLY  
SPIRIT**

Love, Joy, Peace,  
Patience, Kindness  
Gentleness, Self-control

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. Acts 2:1-2