

Saints Patrick & Raphael Parish

Williamstown, Massachusetts

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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.

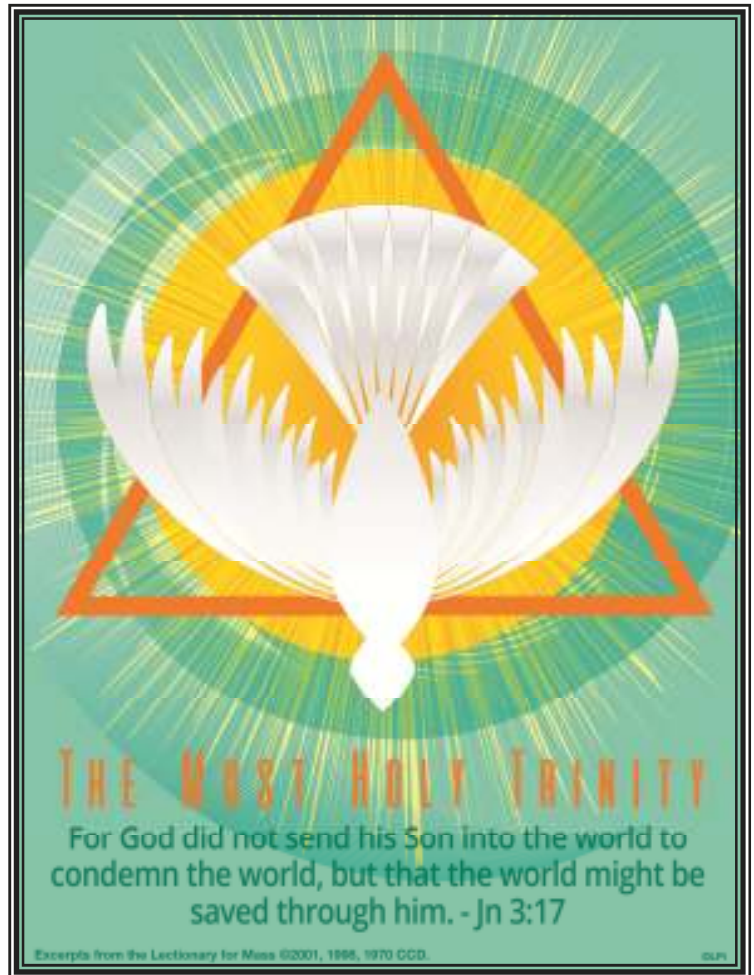
Parish Mission Statement

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.



June 7, 2020

The Most Holy Trinity



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Welcome to all who are visiting this weekend! 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

OFFERTORY REPORT

WEEKEND MASSES HAVE RESUMED -THANKS BE TO GOD! PLEASE NOTE THAT WE NOW HAVE ONLINE GIVING AS AN OPTION TO SUPPORT YOUR PARISH. PLEASE SEE THE ENCLOSED DIRECTIVES ON HOW TO UTILIZE THIS OPTION.

PARISH COLLECTIONS: MAY 31

GENERAL:	\$2,971.00
UTILITY / FUEL	\$265.00
TOTAL:	\$3,236.00

DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS

Thank you for your heartwarming and generous support. It is greatly appreciated. Your friend in Christ, Fr. John.

"While the world changes, the cross stands firm."

-St. Bruno

DONATIONS ~ THANK YOU!

Food Pantry: Julie Henderson; Marlene Walt; Lawrence & Judith Wright; Greg & Mary Shine; James & Jennifer Jayko; Robert & Margaret Scrivens; Michael Heslip; Linda Becker; Nancy McIntire; Steven Fogel; Gail Clott; Second Congregational Church; Keren Oberfield; Mary Edgerton; Eileen Carr

Food Pantry:

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

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In memory of: Alona D. Walden by A Jean Walden & Diane Brierley;

Jeff LaCosse by Teresa Brooks

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

Sanctuary light: Stanislaw & Stefania Pytkowski by Al & Urszula Chrosny

Blessed Virgin:

St. Raphael:

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



From today's 2nd Reading, 2 Corinthians 13:

"...encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace..."

A good start in being pro-life!

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 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 1-3pm

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.**

PARISH INFORMATION

ONLINE GIVING

IT'S SAFE. IT'S SIMPLE. IT'S CONVENIENT

PLEASE NOTE: We now have Online Giving—
You can now support your parish by using your debit or credit card or checking or savings account.

- 1.) visit www.williamstowncatholics.org (our website) to give.
- 2.) Set up your account.
- 3.) Choose a payment option and customize your donation.

It's that easy!

BULLETIN OPTIONS

YOU CAN NOW GET THE BULLETIN THROUGH YOUR EMAIL EACH WEEK

On our webpage, there is a link to allow you to sign up to get the bulletin weekly through your email. This is an easy way for you to stay current if you are not yet comfortable with attending Mass.

TAPED WEEKEND MASSES

Fr. John will still be taping the weekend Masses for those of you who do not yet feel comfortable attending Mass here at church. It will be the same format—channel 1303 on Sunday morning at 10:30am and you can click on the link on our website as well as on our Facebook page.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

Congratulations to all our graduates for the 2020 school year on this, the graduating weekend for Mount Greylock Regional High School. Your senior year was a very challenging one but **YOU MADE IT!** May you be blessed with happiness and success as you move forward making your mark on the world! Always remember to be strong and courageous. "Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go...."

Joshua 1:9



Readings for the week of June 7, 2020

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

Monday: 1 Kgs 17:1-6/Ps 121/Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 17:7-16/Ps 4/Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 18:20-39/Ps 16/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Ps 65/Mt 5:20-26

Friday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16/Ps 27/Mt 5:27-32

Saturday: 1 Kgs 19:19-21/Ps 16/Mt 5:33-37

Next Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/Ps 147/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58

Observances for the week of June 7, 2020

Sunday: The Most Holy Trinity

Tuesday: St. Ephrem, Deacon and Doctor of the Church

Thursday: St. Barnabas, Apostle

Next Sunday: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ; Flag Day 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."*

To date the parish of Saints Patrick & Raphael has had 65 donors give \$11,348.00. The amount raised in 2019 was \$13,810.00!

Thank you for helping our church be there for others!

Thank You to the Reopening Committee

A hearty thank you to the robust Committee chaired by Al Chrosny and including Deacon Greg LaFreniere, Debbie Cameron, Donna Denelli-Hess, David Leja, Jakin Miller, Fern & Tom Murtagh, Karyn O'Toole and Jeff Welch. Members, considering a number of government regulations and Diocesan directives, contributed many helpful ideas to a smooth reopening of the Church.

In addition, thanks also to a number of cleaners, greeters and ushers (other than Committee members) who assisted with the Re-opening effort: Urszula Chrosny, Valerie Hall, Gary Jolin, Mary Kennedy, Sandra King, Terry Lamb, Sean McCormack, Cathy Nolan, Peter Porazinski and Leo Sedlock.

Thanks also to Jakin Miller for developing a short Welcoming Video that Debbie Cameron distributed to Parishioners through a Constant Contact email.

Thanks to Fern Murtagh who created the webbing (ropes to rope off pews) and the necessary signage.

Thanks also to Gary Jolin for his assistance to the volunteers.

Thank you to Fr. John for his guidance through this whole process.

Thank you all for bringing gladness to the Parish, as we pray in Psalm 122 "I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the House of the Lord."



A VOCATION VIEW

The Most Holy Trinity "God so loved the world, He gave His only Son." How can you give yourself to God the Father in a response to that love? Could God be calling you to live His love as a priest or in the consecrated life? If you think God may be offering you this grace, please contact the Vocations Office by email vocations@diospringfield.org or Website: www.myvocation.com.



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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.

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 glasses will suffice) should be worn.

THIS WEEK'S EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION

Saturday,	June 6
4:30pm	Jeff LaCrosse by his family
Sunday,	June 7
8:30am	For Fr. Al Dagnoli
10:30am	Stanislaw & Stefania Pytkowski, by Al & Urszula Chrosny
Monday,	June 8
8:30am	John Skovera by his family
Tuesday,	June 9
8:30am	For an end to racism
Wednesday,	June 10
8:30am	Communion Service
Thursday,	June 11
8:30am	Patti Brundage & the Brundage family by the family
Saturday,	June 13
4:30pm	Frederick Dooling by Don & Irene Lestage
Sunday,	June 14
8:30am	For the unemployed of our parish
10:30am	Alda Wood, by Larry & Stephanie Wood

Continued.....

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.

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

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JUNE 2020

The Way of the Heart:

We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.





A NOTE FROM DEACON GREG...

Usually when I know that I am going to write for the bulletin or preach, I will bounce my ideas off my wife. She is both my editor and my censor. I hate to admit it, but there are more than a few times when she will say, "You can't say that," or "that isn't very good" – and after a bit of sulking and pouting – I grudgingly admit she might be right.

Usually after I think about it for a while, I understand and I take a whole different approach. I value her opinion, but again there are times when I try to slip one by her, hoping she won't catch something. Then there are times like this, when my message is solid ... nothing to worry about ... but I still know it will take some coaxing to get it accepted.

Today, I want to tell you a funny little story from the late Tip O'Neill from Massachusetts, former Speaker of the United States House of Representatives.

It seems in Boston there was this super nice man named Ben who ran a grocery store. Ben especially reached out to new immigrant families in the neighborhood, offering them credit and being welcoming and cordial. He had done it for years and everyone loved him.

So when Ben was turning 60, a group of customers thought it would be great to take up a collection for his birthday and pay him back for all he had done. They gave him a nice big check. Ben decided he would use it on himself. He joined a gym and a weight loss program. As he trimmed down, he got a new fashionable wardrobe.

Finally, Ben headed to Miami on a vacation ... a well-deserved break. In Miami he met a beautiful blonde. He asked her for a date and she said yes. But before Ben could go on the date he was struck by lightning.

When he got to heaven he immediately asked God, "Why?"

God looked over at him and said, "I'm sorry Ben, I didn't recognize you."

For the past couple of weeks, I have been anticipating coming back to church ... hoping I will recognize everyone, though some will surely have changed during this pandemic. Just remember God has called you by name ... he'll recognize you even though he didn't recognize Ben!

There is an over-riding factor about reopening, the feeling of gathering together in prayer. There is a feeling, a warmth that almost overwhelms.

In our reading from Corinthians we hear, *Brothers and sisters, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss.*

Sorry there won't be kissing or hugs for a while!

In the Gospel we hear, "God so loved the world that he gave his only son ..."

And remember before Jesus returned to heaven, he gave this admonition to his disciples, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

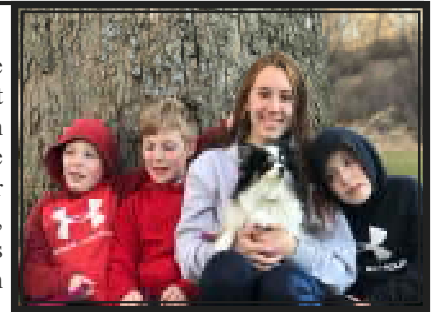
You and I have the Good News – the friendship and love -- that the world so desperately needs right now. Let's "Pass It On."

Father, you have given each of us the task of making disciples of all nations and spreading the warmth of your love. Help us to be faithful in sharing your love and teaching others to keep your commandments.

I think we all will do our best to reflect the God we have come to know in Jesus, and we try to respond to the promptings of the Spirit by acting in the loving ways just as Jesus did.

LET US HELP...

The community would like to join together to support the McCarthy / Lawson Family as they face the challenges of having their 10 year old son, Tristan, hospitalized at Children's Hospital in Boston with cancer of the brain stem.



We want them all to know they are loved and supported. Maury and Dan, your entire family remains in our thoughts and prayers. There are a couple of ways you can help:

- 1.) Pray...
- 2.) You can donate through their Go Fund Me page at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/lawson-family-support>
- 3.) For those of you who are skeptical about donating online, contributions to the same account may also be made into the "The Lawson Family Fund" at Greylock Credit Union. Anyone can deposit funds into the account at the drive up teller.

If possible, please help this wonderful Williamstown family, as they face the challenges of having a young child in the hospital in Boston with others at home. Let's show them how much we love them!

"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, I am your God: I will strengthen you and help you..." Isaiah 41:10