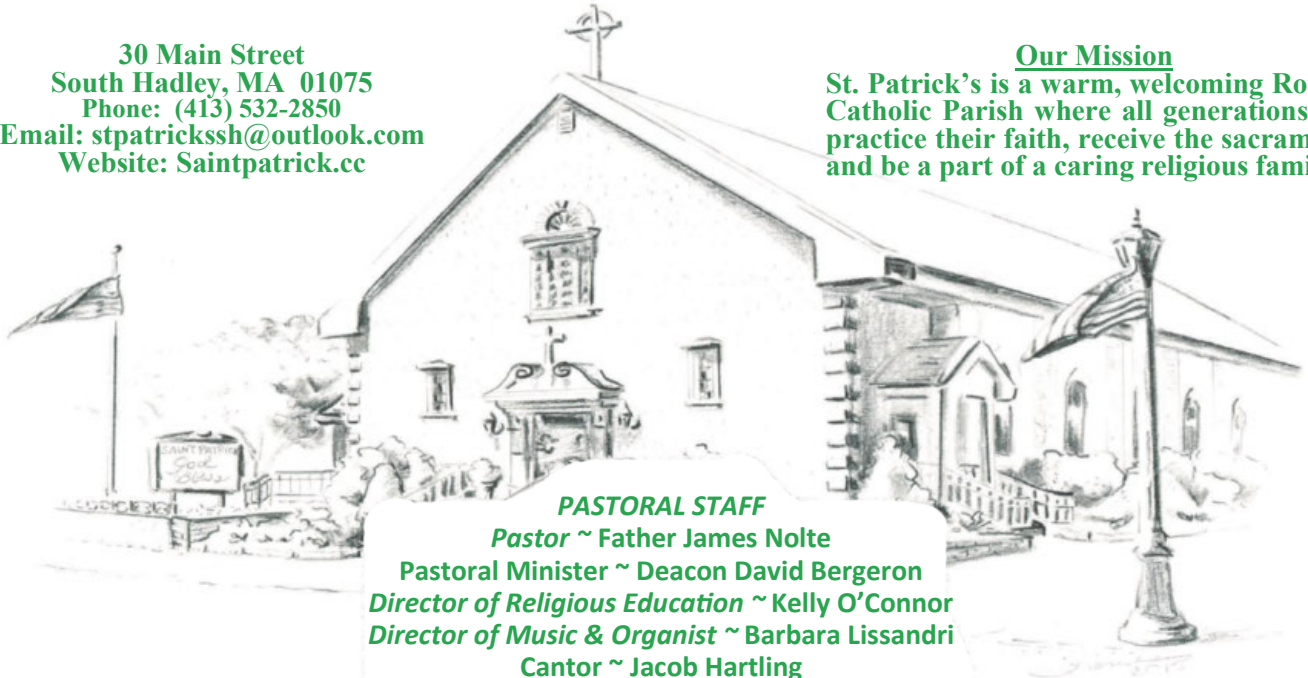


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Our Mission

St. Patrick's is a warm, welcoming Roman Catholic Parish where all generations can practice their faith, receive the sacraments and be a part of a caring religious family.



PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor ~ Father James Nolte
Pastoral Minister ~ Deacon David Bergeron
Director of Religious Education ~ Kelly O'Connor
Director of Music & Organist ~ Barbara Lissandri
Cantor ~ Jacob Hartling
Administrative Assistant ~ Gwen Blanchard
Facilities Manager ~ Thomas Vautrin

Sunday Masses

Saturday: 4:00pm and 5:30pm
Sunday: 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am

Weekday Masses

7:00am: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
7:00am: Wednesday Communion Service

Holy days

Vigil: 5:30pm
Holy Days: 7:00am and 5:30pm

Sacrament of Baptism

First Sunday of each month at 12:00 noon. Parents are asked to contact the rectory to schedule their child's Baptism.

Sacrament of Reconciliation Fr. James 413-213-6635

Fridays at 5-7pm or call for a more convenient time.

Sacrament of the Sick Fr. James 413-213-6635

Third Sunday of each month following the 11am Mass or call if in need.

Sacrament of Marriage

Engaged couples are invited to contact the Rectory as soon as the decision to marry has been made. Please consider a visit with us before making additional arrangements, at least 9 months in advance of the wedding date desired.

Home and Hospital Visits Deacon David - 413-213-6625

Please notify us if anyone is ill, in the hospital, or at home and if anyone is unable to come to church because of illness, handicap, or age.

St. Patrick's Prayer Line

If you or somebody you know needs our prayers, please feel free to call or text **THE PRAYER LINE**, so that we can pray for your intention. Call or Text 532-PRAY (7729) or Email: st532pray@gmail.com.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults - 413-532-2850

Bulletin Deadline- The deadline for copy material is ten days before the Sunday it will appear.

Religious Education Program - 413-213-6624

stpatdre@outlook.com

Classes held in the Social Center:

Sunday: 8:00am - 9:45 am.....Grades 7-12 (Class then Mass)
Sunday: 9:00am - 11:00 am...Grades preK- 6 (Mass then Class)

Spiritual Life Program- Deepens appreciation of Sacraments. Sacred Scripture, Church Life and Prayer with programs and outreach to all families of the parish.

Eucharistic Prayer and Adoration - St. Patrick's Church will be open from 8:00am to 3:00pm weekdays. You may enter through the side door nearest the rectory. Eucharistic Adoration and Exposition takes place on Friday's from 3-4:30pm.

Parish Membership

We welcome all newcomers to our parish community and we hope that you will take an active part in the life of the parish. Kindly register at the rectory.

E-Giving- If you'd like to participate in our E-Giving program, please complete the form found on the rectory porch and return to the collection basket or rectory. This service is without cost to you or the parish and your entire gift goes to the parish. If you have any questions, please contact the rectory.

St. Patrick's Pastoral Council

Deacon David Bergeron, Anne Blaney-Perez, Diane Godek, Linda Komer, Rochelle Langevin, Kara Mercier, Art Monfette, Cathy Monfette, Fr. James Nolte, Kelly O'Connor, Nicole Percy, Steve Werenski



Saturday, January 11

4:00 PM— Ethel Mimitz

By Roland and Sharlene Racine

5:30 PM— Peter Matuszek

By his sister Valerie Benoit

Sunday, January 12

7:00 AM— The Roy and Van Belle Family

By Family

9:00 AM— Shirley Babbitt

By Family

11:00 AM—The Knightly/Fay Family

By Barbara and Tom Knightly

Monday, January 13

7:00 AM— Parishioners

Tuesday, January 14

7:00 AM— The Doonan Family

By Family

Wednesday, January 15

7:00 AM— Service

Thursday, January 16

7:00 AM— Parishioners

Friday, January 17

7:00 AM— Karol Kapinos

By Family

Saturday, January 18

4:00 PM— John T. Mahoney

By Family

5:30 PM— Barbara Bresnahan

By Kathy Pelland

Sunday, January 19

7:00 AM—Jeanne, Larry and Dennis Menard

By Family

9:00 AM— Roy Rosenthal

By Family

11:00 AM—The Robillard and Everson Family

By Family



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FROM OUR PASTOR'S DESK

The Baptism of the Lord

In my second year of theology studies, I went to confession to a priest visiting the seminary for a three-day retreat. My heart wasn't in it. I was going through the motions. I confessed my sins and waited for his response. The priest said, "For your penance, I'd like you to go into the chapel and repeat the words 'You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased' (Luke 3:22) until they mean something to you." Easy penance, I thought.

But to my surprise, I struggled to say those words. I sensed a strong interior resistance blocking them. How could God be well-pleased with me? He couldn't be, I thought. A battle within me ensued. Two hours later, the resistance vanished, and I found myself able to speak, and claim as my own, those marvelous words. I emerged from the chapel with a new, deep, peaceful conviction that I was indeed God's beloved son.

Those words are a precious gift from heaven to all of us. Jesus' baptism, which we celebrate this week, offers them to us. Are we willing to receive these words anew? Many things can block this deepening of our baptismal identity: failings, sins, disappointments, traumas, problems, and so on. Yet God's love is always greater. This week I challenge you to prayerfully repeat these words over yourself — or perhaps over someone you're struggling to love — until those words find a home in your heart.

— *Father John Muir* ©LPi

*Remember in Your Prayers Those Who Have Died:
Bill Seney, Elizabeth Flannery, Joan Broderick,
Gordon Boutilier, Linda Moineau, Connie LaRoche*

Today's Prayer

Jesus is the beloved Son of the Father (3). He is the light of the nations (1) and Lord of all creation (2). To him be all glory and praise (Ps).

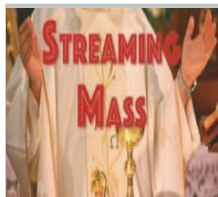


The Baptism of the Lord – January 12, 2025

St. Patrick's Church ~ South Hadley, MA

Parish Events

Jan 12: Coffee/Donuts after 9am Mass Snack bar
Jan 12: Rel. Ed. Gr. PreK-6 Social Center 10am
Jan 12: 1st communion parent meeting 10am Gym
Jan 12: The Chosen Season 4 Classroom 2pm
Jan 13: Kate's Kitchen 8:30am Social Center
Jan 13: Faith in Action 11am Classroom
Jan 13: No Lectio Divina bible sharing for January
Jan 13: Contemporary Choir 6pm Church
Jan 14: St. Monica Service after 7am Mass
Jan 15: Adult Choir rehearsal Chapel 6:30pm
Jan 15: Ladies Guild Meeting 6:30pm Classroom
Jan 16: Toddler Playgroup 9:30am Social Center
Jan 16: K of C Meet 6:30pm Classroom
Jan 17: Adoration 3-4:30pm Church
Jan 17: Confessions 5-7pm Church
Jan 19: Coffee/Donuts after 9am Mass Snack Bar
Jan 19: Sacrament of the Sick noon Church
Jan 19: The Chosen Season 4 Classroom 2pm



Live Stream Mass Schedule

Live Stream—YouTube
St Patrick South Hadley
Monday-Friday 7:00am Daily Mass
Sunday 9:00am Sunday Mass



Bible Sharing

Lectio Divina will not be held during the month of January.



Coffee and Donuts

Please join us for coffee and donuts after the 9am Mass in the social center snack bar. All are welcome.

Volunteers Needed

Looking for 3-4 volunteers to help take down Christmas decorations this Sunday January 12th after the 11am Mass (approx. 12-noon) Thank you.



Prayer Shawls, Robes, Lap Quilts

Thanks to the time and talent of your fellow parishioners we are blessed to be able to offer Prayer shawls, lap robes and lap quilts to provide joy and comfort to those who are ill, lonely, or grieving. If you know of someone who would benefit from the gift of one of these beautiful creations please let us know by contacting Gwen at the Rectory 413-532-2850.



Readings for the Week

Jan 11: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5, 6a and 9b
Jn 3:22-30
Jan 12: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25,
27-28, 29-30 (1)/ Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
Jan 13: Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9
Mk 1:14-20
Jan 14: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9
Mk 1:21-28
Jan 15: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9
Mk 1:29-39
Jan 16: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11
Mk 1:40-45
Jan 17: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8
Mk 2:1-12
Jan 18: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 2:13-17
Jan 19: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 (3)
1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

2024 Contribution Statements

Yearly contribution statements are available for 2024. Please call the rectory office at 532-2850 between 9am-3pm or leave a message for Gwen if you wish us to send you one.

Adult Altar Servers for Funerals Needed

We are in need of adult altar servers to assist Fr. James at funerals. Funerals are usually held weekday mornings and an email or call would be sent out to see if you are available when a funeral arises. The same people are not responsible for serving all funerals. Training and support would be provided. Please contact the rectory if you'd like more information or are able to help. Thank you.

St. Patrick's Ladies Guild

We would like to thank everyone who helped make our Cash Calendar Fundraiser a great success. This fundraiser plays a major role in helping the Guild to support our endeavor to give students scholarships and provide assistance to numerous charities. Each week we will draw the names for that week and post them in the bulletin the following week. Winners will receive a call notifying them that they won. Remember you can win more than once. One person won three separate times last year. Good Luck!

CONGRATULATIONS TO WEEK 1 WINNERS

Wednesday, January 1: Courtney Cowdell - \$300
Thursday, January 2: Jen Devins - \$25
Friday, January 3: Paul Bourbeau - \$25
Saturday, January 4: Sherry Acevedo - \$75

Vocations to the Priesthood

Are you considering becoming a priest, sister, brother? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 413-248-7034 or email: vocations@diospringfield.org.

The Chosen Season 4 – “RISE UP”

began on Sunday, January 5, 2025, with Episodes 1 & 2. We will continue showing 2 episodes each Sunday at 2:00 p.m. in the St. Catherine Classroom, with the final 2 episodes being shown on January 26.



Clashing kingdoms. Rival rulers. The enemies of Jesus move in while his followers struggle to keep up, leaving him to carry the burden alone.

Threatened by the reality of Jesus' growing influence, religious leaders do the unthinkable – ally with their Roman oppressors. As the seeds of betrayal are planted and opposition to Jesus' message turns violent, He's left with no alternative but to demand his followers RISE UP.

Please join us if you can!!! It's a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon.....WITH POPCORN, CANDY, AND LIGHT BEVERAGES!!!



Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee 2025

July 28 to August 5, 2025. Be a Pilgrim of Hope during Jubilee Year 2025. Travel with our Vicar General Fr. Piotr Calik and John Paul Pilgrimages for a spiritually uplifting Jubilee pilgrimage to Rome and the Vatican. Itinerary is

geared to young adults. Limited space. For details visit johnpaulpilgrimagesandtours.com 480-626-1266.



Toddler Playgroup St. Patrick's Social Center

Please use School Street entrance, Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:30am, come 'n go as you please, but not a drop off daycare service. All are welcome (ages 0-5 recommended) Snack time provided. Free event, donations appreciated. Any questions, contact the rectory 413-532-2850

St. Patrick's Ladies Guild

The Ladies Guild will meet on Wednesday, January 15th at 6:30pm in St Catherine's classroom at the Social Center. Our guest speaker will be Robert ("Bob the Bike Man") Charland. He is the founder of Pedal Thru Youth, an organization that rebuilds bikes and donates them and helmets to low income or needy families. Bob has an amazing story and is known to be a captivating speaker. All women of the parish are invited to attend.

Marriage Help Program (local)
January 31 - February 2nd

A happier marriage is possible! If you want to improve your marriage in the new year, this local program can help. Retrouvaille, a Catholic-based ministry, provides tools to help you communicate better, resolve conflicts, and rediscover a loving marriage. The next local weekend starts January 31st. For information, call confidentially [1-800-470-2230](tel:1-800-470-2230), email helds4marriage@gmail.com or go to our website www.helpourmarriage.org.

St. Joan of Arc School in Chicopee

The school will be holding an Open House on Saturday, January 25th from 9am–12 pm (no appointment needed). Appointment only tours for families will be held on Tuesday, January 28th and Thursday, January 30th from 3pm–7 pm. Please call Chris or Janine in the Business Office @ 413-276-4608 for registration information or to make an appointment. St. Joan of Arc School is a welcoming, safe & secure school community providing social, physical, spiritual & intellectual wellness for students in Pre-K3 to Grade 8. SJA has innovative offerings that include affordable tuition and extended care, free breakfast and lunch, extracurricular programs, technology, music, library, and Duolingo language classes. Easy access to I391 & I90. Financial Aid and tuition assistance is available. To learn more visit www.sjachicopee.org. We look forward to meeting you!

Men of St. Joseph

Meet every Wednesday 7:30-8:30p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Belchertown. Meetings consist of Bible readings, reflection and prayer. Meetings are held in the office conference room. For more information, email John Rakouskas at john5star@hotmail.com or Steve Corbin at gmsteve512@gmail.com.

Looking for something to do on a
Saturday evening?

Join us Saturday January 25th from 6pm - 8pm

St. Patrick's Social Center

For Game Night

There will be many board games and card games
to choose from. Come on out and have some fun!



Hope you can join us!



Diocese of Springfield

Office of the Bishop

Feast of the Epiphany

My dear friends in Christ,

On May 9, 2024, Pope Francis announced the Ordinary Jubilee Year of 2025 in the Bull of Indiction *Spes non confundit* which comes from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans and is translated "Hope does not disappoint." This Jubilee year began last weekend in our diocese and will conclude on Holy Family Sunday, December 28, 2025.

Celebrated at regular intervals since the year 1300, Jubilee years are celebrations of Jesus' love and mercy, and have a particular focus for the Church. This upcoming Jubilee year, Pope Francis is calling on us to renew ourselves in hope, bringing the gift of hope to a world so desperately in need of it.

Pope Francis suggests many ways of celebrating the Jubilee of Hope; they include working for peace and an end to conflicts, promoting human life, showing amnesty to prisoners, upholding the dignity of migrants, healing the sick, and accompanying the elderly.

For our personal sanctification, the pope encourages pilgrimages, particularly to Rome, and for those who cannot make such a journey then pious visits to holy places closer to home. Additionally, the Holy Father urges us to be renewed in reconciliation.

Receiving indulgences are an important part of the Jubilee journey. Abused in the past, they remain a legitimate spiritual gift. Pope Francis has emphasized the blessing of this teaching. "Indulgence on the part of the Father who, through the Bride of Christ, his Church, reaches the pardoned sinner and frees him or her from every residue left by the consequences of sin."

In order to gain a plenary indulgence, you must perform the act with a contrite and sincere heart. You must go to confession, receive Holy Communion, and pray for the pope's intentions. An Our Father and a Hail Mary works. You also may apply additional indulgences you receive to the souls in Purgatory.

The Jubilee is intended to be a time of celebration and joy. This is my goal for the Diocese of Springfield. A pilgrimage is part of the jubilee experience. A pilgrimage is a spiritual trek which is to remind us of the journey through life. It has its challenges, but it also has many joys, the greatest of which is the destination. In life that is heaven.

Some might be able to journey to Rome to visit the great basilicas. If you can, I encourage you to make the spiritual trip. As a diocese we are offering two opportunities, one being led by our Vicar General, Fr. Piotr Calik to for young adults, ages 18 through 40. Another will be led by our Cathedral rector, Fr. Gary Dailey. There are also other priests of the diocese offering pilgrimages, and all this information can be found at diospringfield.org.

I also realize that many will not be able to make the trip to Rome. So, I have designated seven spiritual sites in western Massachusetts as sacred places for local pilgrimage during the Jubilee Year. They are:

St. Michael's Cathedral, Springfield

Shrine of Divine Mercy, Stockbridge

Monastery of the Mother of God, West Springfield

Visitation of Mary Monastery, Tyringham

St. Stanislaus Basilica, Chicopee

Our Mother of Perpetual Help Chapel, Thomas Aquinas College Northfield

Seat of Wisdom Chapel, Newman Center at UMass, Amherst

The Bishops of the United States have also designated the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington DC as a Jubilee 2025 pilgrimage site. I strongly encourage parishes and Catholic groups to organize pilgrimage trips to these sites as part of the Jubilee year celebration.

Another opportunity will be our Men's and Women's Catholic Conferences which we will resume holding. The dates are October 4th for the Men's Conference and November 15th for the Women's. Both will be held at the Bellamy School in Chicopee. These gatherings will be a very special opportunity for the renewal of faith – more details will be forthcoming.

These and other spiritual events that will take place during the upcoming Jubilee Year 2025 will offer a unique opportunity to embrace our "Walk with One" outreach. I encourage each and every Catholic to reach out to an inactive family member or friend and invite them to join you in a Jubilee event.

Finally, Pope Francis' call to be renewed in the Sacrament of Reconciliation presents us with a unique opportunity. As the pope explains, "the power of God's forgiveness can support and accompany communities and individuals on their pilgrim way." I am encouraging parishes to offer more opportunities to receive the graces of worthy confession, by providing weeknight "Keep the Light On" opportunities.

We have established a section of our diocesan website www.diospringfield.org/jubilee2025.

If we experience God's mercy, the light breaks through our darkness. The light of Christ will always conquer darkness and evil. However, like a long winter, it is sometimes easy to forget the warmth and power of God love. For this we need to renew ourselves in his mercy regularly.

In closing, I hope that the faith life here in western Massachusetts will be enriched by an earnest celebration of the Jubilee Year. This way our Jubilee year may be a blessing that extends beyond a single year, bearing rich fruit for the future of our Catholic Faith!

With every best wish, I am

Your friend in Christ,



Most Rev. William D. Byrne
Bishop of Springfield

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