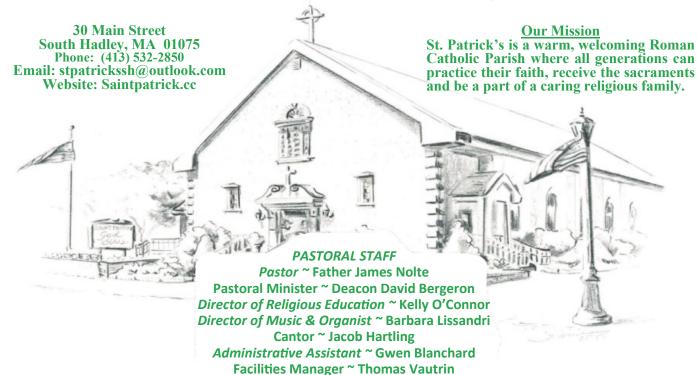
## ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH



Sunday Masses Saturday: 4:0 4:00pm and 5:30pm Sunday: 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am

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

Holy days

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.

<u>Sacrament of Reconciliation</u> 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)

<u>Spiritual Life Program-</u> 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, March 8

4:00 PM— Rita Laframboise

By the Prayer Shawl Knitters Group

5:30 PM— Jean Fernandes

By Family

Sunday, March 9

7:00 AM—George and Rosemary Griffin By Peg Johnson

9:00 AM— Cecile and Edward Benoit By Family

11:00 AM—Bernadette Weegar By Janet

Monday, March 10 7:00 AM— Sheila Fitzell

By Peg McIsaac

Tuesday, March 11

7:00 AM— Luke Edson

By Barb and Jim Ripa

Wednesday, March 12

7:00 AM— Service

Thursday, March 13

7:00 AM— Parishioners

Friday, March 14

7:00 AM— Jackie Gladu

By Jack and Michele Scanlon

Saturday, March 15

4:00 PM— Clement Blanchet

By Gerry Turgeon

5:30 PM— Rita Laframboise

By the Prayer Shawl Knitting Group

Sunday, March 16

7:00 AM—Theodore & Gary Grant and Deacon John & Irene Bledsoe

By Family

9:00 AM— Pat and Birnie Bickford

By Walter and Irene

11:00 AM—Leonard Bourgue

By Family



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#### FROM OUR PASTOR'S DESK

#### 1st Sunday of Lent

One of the most fascinating moments in American history is when George Washington could have become the king of the newly liberated United States and didn't. At the height of his power and fame, on Dec. 23, 1783, he resigned his commission as Commander-in-Chief, and went home. The astonished King of England remarked that in doing so, Washington was "the greatest man in the world." Greatness is often defined by what we could do but don't. Greatness is measured by the temptations we overcome.

Jesus' greatness is revealed in his victory over temptations, too. The three offered him by the devil contain, we might say, all potential possible temptations: food, power and fame. They correspond to the triple human needs of body, soul and spirit. In overcoming these three, he says "no" in essence to every and even the greatest temptation. We see that every desire of his humanity — body, soul and spirit — is perfectly united to God, to love. This is a power available to each member of his body. It is the path to true greatness. How can we, who so easily fall into even small temptations, find the power to overcome large ones? By entering into the great dynamics of Jesus' temptations.

Lenten challenge: This first week of Lent, list some concrete ways you can overcome temptations that correspond with your desires. For example, you may give up snacks between meals, choose not to participate in an activity of which you are an expert, and decide to reduce social media posting by 50%. It may not seem like much, but by saying "no" to the tyranny of food, power, and fame (in this example), you'll discover true greatness.

- *Father John Muir* ©LPi

## Remember in Your Prayers Those Who Have Died: Joan Reardon, Philip Sheridan

#### Today's Prayer

Moses recounts great events of salvation history (1) which find their fulfillment in Jesus Christ. We confess him to be Lord, for God raised him from the dead (2). He is ever faithful, resisting temptation to forsake his Father's mission (3), trusting in God's love (Ps).

### First Sunday of Lent – March 9, 2025

#### Parish Events

Mar 9: Coffee/Donuts after 9am Mass Snack bar

Mar 9: Rel. Ed. Gr. PreK-6 Social Center 10am

Mar 9: Deanery Penance Service 3pm OLOTC, Holyoke

Mar 9: Last Day to Order Corned Beef tickets

Mar 10: Kate's Kitchen Social Center 8:30am

Mar 10: Stations of the Cross Church 5pm

Mar 10: Contemporary Choir Church 6pm

Mar 11: St. Monica Service after 7am Mass

Mar 12: Adult Choir rehearsal Chapel 6:30pm

Mar 13: Toddler Playgroup 9:30am Social Center

Mar 14: Adoration 3:00-4:30pm Church

Mar 14: Confessions 5-7pm Church

Mar 16: Rel. Ed. Gr.7-12 Social Center 8am

Mar 16: Coffee/Donuts after 9am Mass Snack bar

Mar 16: Rel. Ed. Gr. PreK-6 Social Center 10am

Mar 16: Sacrament of the Sick Church noon

Mar 17: Stations of the Cross Church 5pm

### St. Patrick's Church ~ South Hadley, MA

#### Readings for the Week

Mar 8: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

Mar 9: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (see 5b)/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-1

Mar 10: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 Mt 25:31-46

Mar 11: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 Mt 6:7-15

Mar 12: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 Lk 11:29-32

Mar 13: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12

Mar 14: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 Mt 5:20-26

Mar 15: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

Mar 16: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14 Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36



#### **Live Stream Mass Schedule**

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



#### **Coffee and Donuts**

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



#### Stations of the Cross

Will take place each Monday during Lent at 5pm. As we walk with Jesus **Stations** during his final hours, we begin to understand Jesus' love for us. We THE CROSS hope you can join us.



#### St. Patrick's Ladies Guild

The Ladies Guild will meet on Wednesday, March 19th at 6:30pm in the St. Catherine Classroom at the Social Center. Our guest speaker will

be Captain Jav Houle of Fire District 1. We will learn more about Fire District, the services they provide and how Fire Districts 1 and 2 work together. All women of the parish are invited to attend.

#### 2025 Mass Book

On Wednesday, April 9th after 10am we will be ready to accept Mass intentions. We are not able to take any requests before this date. Please stop by the rectory, email or call 532-2850 on April 9th at 10am or later. Thank you.

#### ADULT ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED:

Until we have enough youth altar servers, the parish is in need of adults willing to train and serve as altar servers. Most pressing need is at the 11:00 Sunday Mass, but volunteers would be welcome at all Masses except for the 9:00 Sunday Mass when we have enough young people to serve. Please call Gwen at the Rectory if you'd like more information. Thank you.

#### Diocese of Springfield

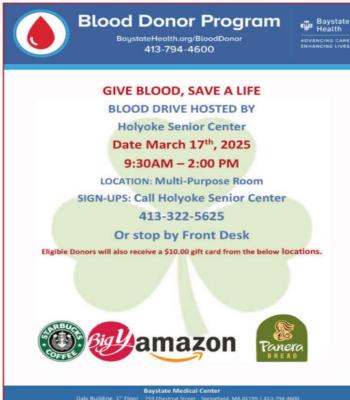
#### Lenten Regulations, 2025

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. The other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. The obligation to abstain from meat begins at age fourteen (14) and does not cease. 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.

#### An Evening with St. Joseph & St. Patrick

Facilitated by Paul Laflamme, will be held at the Jericho Pastoral Center, 537 Northampton St, Holyoke on Thursday March 20th 6:30-8:30pm. Light refreshments will be served, all are welcome, \$10.00 registration at the door is available. For more information call 413-452-0511 or email disciplesofmary@diospringfield.org





## FAITH IN ACTION

#### Faith In Action

VETERANS FOOD DRIVE THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!! The Faith In Action Committee

cannot thank the parishioners of St. Pat's enough for their amazing response towards the "Veterans Food Drive" and "L.A. Fire Relief". Due to your generosity and goodwill we were able to donate approximately 37 boxes of food and a check for \$640.00 to the Veterans Food Pantry in Leeds and \$5,775.00 to Catholic Charities of Los Angeles for fire relief. Also, we would like to send out a huge "thank you" to the members of the Holyoke Revolver Club, who generously donated many boxes of food along with a check for \$300 to our food drive. Once again, thank you so much and may God Bless you all!!

The Faith In Action Committee

#### **Catholic Relief Services Collection**

This week we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to reveal Christ's love to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection makes grants to six Catholic agencies that provide relief and support for struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters, both here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

#### **Prayer Request for Pope Francis**

I ask all the faithful in the Diocese of Springfield and beyond, to offer a special prayer for our Holy Father, Pope Francis, as he continues to be hospitalized battling double pneumonia.



Loving and Merciful God, We come before You in prayer, lifting up Your servant, Pope Francis, in his time of need. We place Pope Francis into Your hands, trusting in Your eternal care. May he be comforted by the love of the Church and the prayers of all the faithful. We ask, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, that his spirit be strengthened in Your peace. May Your will be done in his life, O Lord, and may Your healing power be with him always. We offer this prayer in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Credit: Caritas Jerusalem(Adapted)



# What am I doing for Lent this year? Giving up- Giving to-

Our Lenten journey is built on the pillars of prayer, fasting, sacrifice and charity.

PRAYER- Daily Mass at St. Patrick's is at 7am (communion service on Wednesdays).

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**- Each Monday during Lent at 5pm. As we walk with Jesus during his final hours, we begin to understand Jesus' love for us.

<u>ADORATION-</u> Every Friday during Lent from 3:00pm-4:30pm. First Friday Adoration from 11:30am-4:30pm.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**- Every Friday from 5-7pm or by appointment.

**RICE BOWLS**- Will be available at the exits of the church. One day each week we are asked to have a simple meal—like those of the poor in the world. We place the savings in our rice bowl and bring it to our Holy Thursday Mass. Our gifts will be shared with Catholic Relief Services.

**LENTEN LUNCHES**- Will be a limited menu Grab & Go drive thru event on March 7<sup>th</sup>, March 21st and April 4th. Pre-ordering is required. Please see the website, Facebook, or rectory porch for more information and order forms.

**DEANERY PENANCE SERVICE-** Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 3pm, Our Lady of the Cross, in Holyoke.

MEDITATION SERVICE- Tuesday, April 1st in Church at 6:30pm. At the Foot of the Cross w/ Deacon David.

PLEASE JOIN US.



## Diocese of Springfield

Office of the Bishop

February 13, 2025

Dear friends in Christ,

God calls each of us to a loving relationship with Him. During Lent, we focus on turning away from sin and toward the Lord to grow in His love. The Lenten pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving help us to do this while others benefit from our sacrifice. As we use Catholic Relief Service's Rice Bowl this year and approach the Catholic Relief Services collection itself, we are part of faith-in-action programs that invite us to reflect upon how we can actively respond in love to support our needy brothers and sisters worldwide.

Through CRS Rice Bowl, families learn about how our brothers and sisters across the globe overcome hardships like hunger and malnutrition, and how through Lenten alms, we have the power to make the world a better place for all.

Catholic Relief Services carries out the commitment of the Bishops of the United States to assist the poor and vulnerable, motivated by the Gospel of Christ to cherish, preserve and uphold the sacredness and dignity of all human life, foster charity and embody Catholic social and moral teaching. They promote human development by responding to major emergencies, fighting disease and poverty, and nurturing peaceful and just societies. They serve Catholics in the United States as they live their faith in solidarity with their brothers and sisters around the world.

As part of the universal mission of the Catholic Church, CRS works with local, national and international Catholic institutions and structures, as well as other organizations, to assist people on the basis of need.

Your use of the familiar Rice Bowls and financial support of the collection for Catholic Relief Services makes a difference for so many around the globe. Please consider prayerfully how you can support Operation Rice Bowl and the CRS collection this year. To learn more about the Rice Bowls, please visit crsricebowl.org or crsplatodearroz.org. To learn more about the CRS collection and the people who benefit from it, please visit www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

With prayerful wishes for a truly fruitful Lent, I am,

Your friend in Christ,

Most Rev. William D. Byrne

Bishop of Springfield

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