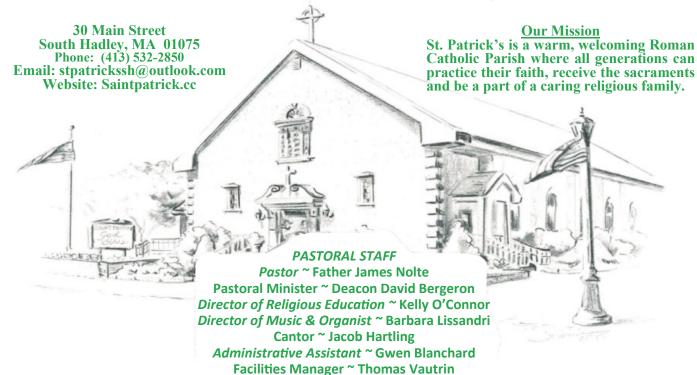
ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH



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:

9:00am - 10:30 am.....Grades 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 Saturday: Sunday: 9:00am - 11:00 am......Grades preK, K,1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

(9:00am Family Mass, followed by 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, Nina Nedrebo, Fr. James Nolte, Kelly O'Connor, Nicole Percy, Steve Werenski



Saturday, April 13

4:00 PM— George and Helena Lafley

By Family

5:30 PM— Darryl Smith

By Wife and Family

Sunday, April 14

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

By Family

9:00AM— Viola Donze

By Joe Donze and Family

11:00 AM—Tan Vu Mary & Hop Tran Joseph By Family

Monday, April 15

7:00 AM - Joanie Corley

By Linda Gaunt

Tuesday, April 16

7:00 AM— Patricia Boersma

By her loving Son and daughter

Wednesday, April 17

7:00 AM— Service

Thursday, April 18

7:00 AM— Parishioners

Friday, April 19

7:00 AM— Joseph, Mary & James Fahey

By the Keohan Family

Saturday, April 20

4:00 PM— Sidney Mimitz

By Roland and Sharlene Racine

5:30 PM— Kathryne Van Handle

By Family

<u>Sunday, April 21</u> 7:00 AM—Kevin and Jessica Godek

By Family

9:00AM— Bob Chagnon

By Family

11:00 AM—John "Mike" Fitzell

By Family



Our Tabernacle Lamp burns this week for the intention of

George and Helena Lafley By Family

Please call the Rectory to reserve the lamp



FROM OUR PASTOR'S DESK

3rd Sunday of Easter

When I was a kid, a friend at my home parish told me, "If you get to Mass by the Gospel reading, it counts!" As a lifelong late -arriver, it's something I have told myself many times, especially in my earlier years as a Catholic. If the "it counts" is justifiable on a pathetically minimal scale of liturgical legalism, then the Gospel reading today shows how insanely wrong-headed it is, and how helpful it is to re-think the Mass in its light.

The famous "Road to Emmaus" story recounts, on that first Sunday of the Resurrection, the basic two-fold structure of the Mass: Word, followed by Eucharist. Jesus spends a significant period of time with two dismayed disciples, as he connects a wide swath of the Hebrew scriptures with his own suffering, death, and resurrection. They would later report that this Liturgy of the Word touched their hearts with an inexplicable fire. This Word-induced flame alone is what leads the two disciples to discover Jesus' presence in the "breaking of the bread."

With this in mind, how can we possibly think that the Liturgy of the Word is unnecessary or incidental? The two disciples needed the Scriptures explained to them in order to experience Jesus alive in the eucharistic breaking of bread. Sure, we say, but they had the Risen Jesus. But that's precisely the point: Jesus is risen and accompanies us in both parts of the Mass. Imagine how much our experience of Jesus in the Eucharist would deepen if we (preachers and listeners) took even more seriously that Jesus himself sets our hearts ablaze with his Word so that we know him in the Eucharist. That Word-induced fire counts, too!

Father John Muir ©LPi

Remember in Your Prayers Those Who Have Died: Claire Zabecki, Barbara Gilpatrick

Today's Prayer

Peter proclaims the wonders of the Lord (Ps): The suffering Messiah is raised from the dead and has been glorified (1). This Jesus is our intercessor and our offering for sin (2), our peace (3).



Third Sunday of Easter -April 14, 2024

Parish Events

Apr 14: Coffee & Donuts after 9am Mass Snack Bar

Apr 14: The Chosen free movie 2pm Classroom

Apr 15: No Lectio Divina (bible sharing) this week

Apr 16: St. Monica Service after 7am Mass

Apr 16: Parish Council Meet 6pm Classroom

Apr 17: Knitting Group 10am Chapel

Apr 17: Ladies Guild Meeting 6:30pm Classroom

Apr 17: Adult Choir rehearsal 6:30pm Chapel

Apr 18: Toddler Playgroup 9:30am Social Center

Apr 18: K of C Meeting 6:30pm Classroom

Apr 19: Adoration 3pm-4:30pm Church

Apr 19: Confessions 5-7pm Church

Apr 21: Rel. Ed. PreK-Gr 6 Mass then Class 9am

Apr 21: Coffee & Donuts after 9am Mass Snack Bar

Apr 21: Sacrament of the Sick noon Church

Apr 21: The Chosen free movie 2pm Classroom

Donation Thank You's

Thank you K of C #1721 for \$243. Thank you CYO Basketball for \$5,000. Thank you Find Your Voice Group for \$100.



Live Stream Mass Schedule

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



Lectio Divina- Bible Sharing

Lectio Divina takes place on Monday's at 6pm in the Social Center classroom. Please use the entrance facing Main Street. We

read, meditate and share our experiences of the Gospel reading for the next Sunday's Mass. No preparation is necessary and there is no homework. **No session April 15th, next session April 22nd.**



Faith In Action Thank You

The Faith In Action Ministry would like to thank those of you who generously gave to the "Food For The Poor" Water Jug collection.

Over the Lenten season we collected \$2,668. Approximately half that amount was donated "as cash" to Food For The Poor to distribute as needed. The other amount of \$1,443 was specifically earmarked for families who have identified needs. We helped to fulfill said needs by providing these families with one of the following packages: chicken coop with 20 laying hens, 3 goats, 3 pigs, 5 individual sets of farming tools and 5 individual units of 100 pounds of rice and beans. Your generosity will greatly aid these "poorest of poor". And, by receiving one of these packages will truly enhance their lives. God Bless you all, The Faith In Action Committee

St. Patrick's Church ~ South Hadley, MA

Readings for the Week

Apr 13: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21

Apr 14: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 (7a) 1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

Apr 15: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 Jn 6:22-29

Apr 16: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35

Apr 17: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40

Apr 18: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 Jn 6:44-51

Apr 19: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

Apr 20: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 Jn 6:60-69

Apr 21: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

To all of our terrific volunteers who have helped and participated in any way with Stations of the Cross, Lenten Services and with Holy Week and the Paschal Triduum. If I were to try to list everyone I would surely miss someone so THANK YOU! to all who volunteered in any way. We are truly blessed at St. Patrick's with so many wonderful people who give of their time, talent and treasure. Easter Blessings to all! Peace, Deacon Dave

Child Abuse Survivors Mass w/ Bishop Byrne

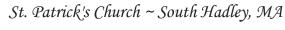
In commemoration of Child Abuse Prevention Month (April), Bishop William Byrne will offer a Mass for child abuse survivors on Friday April 26, 10am at St. Michael's State Street Springfield. This special liturgy is open to all survivors of child abuse, as well as for their families and loved ones, and for those who support and advocate for them. A light reception will follow in the Bishop Marshall Center, adjacent to the Cathedral church.



Toddler Playgroup Helper Needed

Thursday toddler playgroup is looking for a volunteer to help out and oversee the group the first Thursday of the month. The time commitment is from 9:15am-11:30am. Please note parents, grandparents and caregivers are required to stay with their children. This volunteer position is meant more to be a presence for the parish for those families who attend the playgroup. If you are interested or able to help please contact Deacon Dave.

Third Sunday of Easter -April 14, 2024





Coffee and Donut Reminder

Please join us in the social center snack bar Sunday's after the 9am Mass for Coffee and Donuts on: April 14, 21, 28, May 5, 19. It will then be scheduled to return in the fall.

Become Dementia Friendly
St. Mary's, Westfield

Would you know how to recognize if someone with dementia is having difficulty? Would you know how to approach them to help them over that issue so they could continue on with their day? This upcoming Dementia Friends information session will raise your awareness and knowledge of Alzheimer's and dementia and give you tips for interacting with someone who is living with dementia when you encounter them, at home and in your community. Join us Saturday, May 4, 2024, 2:00pm- 3:15pm. RSVP Angela Roy 413-568-1127 or aroy@stmsaints.org.

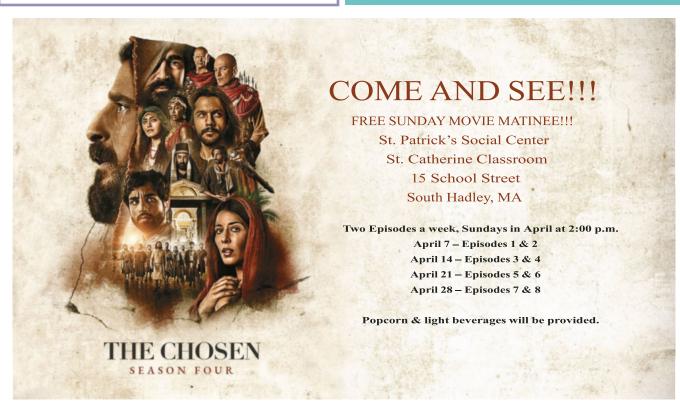


Game Night

St. Patrick's will be hosting a Game Night on Friday, April 26th from 6:30-8:30pm in the Parish Social Center. Many

different board games for all ages. Snacks will be available. Free event for everyone. Come and enjoy an evening with family and friends.





St. Patrick's Ladies Guild Scholarship Application

The St. Patrick's Ladies Guild is a spiritual, charitable and social organization devoted to strengthening our parish family and helping the local community with the donation of our time and money. Every year, \$1000.00 scholarships are made available because of the Ladies' fundraising efforts throughout the year.

Treate compress the rottowing information.
Name:
Address
Phone Number: E-mail Address
Please list high school you are currently attending:
Non-traditional students may provide life experience instead.
Please list the institution you plan to attend in September 2024 and your intended major:
Why did you pick this institution and your major?

IMPORTANT! Applicant MUST be a regular communicant, as well as an active member of the St. Patrick's Church community. While we applaud all your hard work, this scholarship is based on your involvement in our parish.

Please answer the following questions on a separate piece of paper:

- As an active member of St. Patrick's, please share with us your Parish involvement.
- What was your motivation to become an active member of the Parish?
- 3. Why do you feel that volunteerism is important?

Please complete the following information:

PLEASE RETURN TO RECTORY NO LATER THAN FRIDAY MAY 3, 2024.



Please fill out this form and place in the collection basket or drop in the Rectory Dropbox by APRIL 28TH, in order for us to have an appropriate count.

_____ Number of ADULTS & CHILDREN over 12

Number of CHILDREN under 12

FAQ's

HOW MUCH WILL MY PARISH RECEIVE AS PART OF THIS CAMPAIGN?

Once our parish meets its 2024 ACA goal, 50% of every dollar raised up to our target will stay here for our own parish projects. For every dollar raised above our parish target, 75% will be returned to the parish.

IS THIS CAMPAIGN REPLACING THE 2024 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL?

No, the Annual Catholic Appeal funds the day-to-day operations, ministries and programs for the Diocese of Springfield. Funds are collected and utilized on a yearly basis. Each parish's 2024 ACA has been included in the overal parish targets for Beacon of Faith. This will allow parishes to concentrate solely on Beaon of Faith as the main fundraiser for that year. In 2025, the ACA will return to its normal schedule.

HOW WERE OUR PARISH GOALS DETERMINED? IS OUR GOAL AN ASSESSMENT?

Parish targets are based on an average of the last three years' offertory plus the parish's 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal.

No, the established parish targets are not an assessment. All parishes are asked to conduct a "Good Faith Effort" and work with their assigned campaign director to achieve their target to the best of their ability.

WILL ANY OF THESE FUNDS BE USED FOR ITEMS OTHER THAN THE ESTABLISHED CASE ELEMENTS?

No. The Diocese is obligated by canonical and civil law to restrict these funds for the stated elements. The funds raised for the campaign will be used exclusively for the named case elements and expenses. No funds raised in the Beacon of Faith campaign will be used to settle lawsuits or cases past, present, or future. All funds for the campaign will be deposited with and administered by the Western Massachusetts Catholic Foundation.

WHY ARE PLEDGES ENCOURAGED INSTEAD OF ONE-TIME DONATIONS?

Pledges provide parishioners with the opportunity to make a more significant gift to the Church's mission. A larger contribution is more manageable to pay off over a period of time rather than a one-time gift. Pledges also allow the Diocese and your parish to budget and plan for meeting the needs that will be addressed as a result of the campaign. to budget and plan for meeting the needs that will be addressed as a result of the campaign.



For more information on the Beacon of Faith campaign, please visit: beaconoffaithwmass.org

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