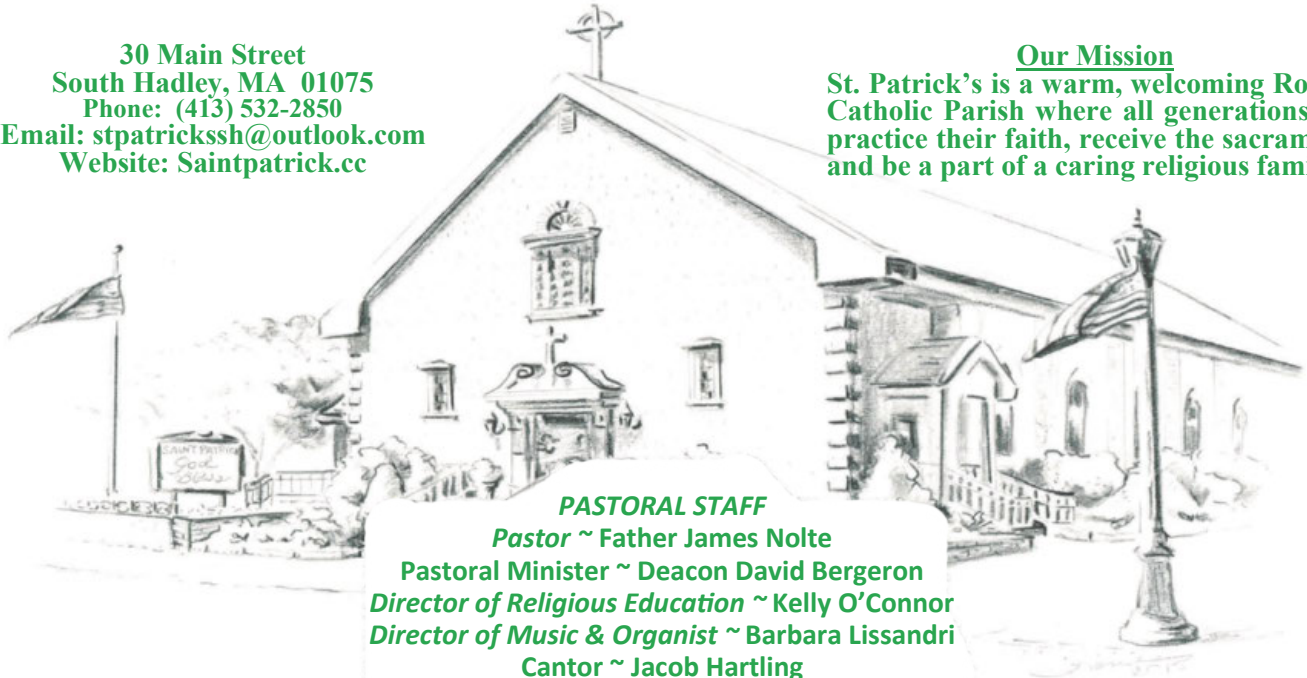


ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

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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

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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, November 30

4:00 PM— Kenneth Landry

By Nancy Landry

5:30 PM— Emma Bettencourt

By Family

Sunday, December 1

7:00 AM— Rosita Crimmins

By Peg Johnson

9:00 AM— Donald & Ann (Landers) Lavallee

By Daughter and Family

11:00 AM— Sandy O'Connell

By Maureen Costello and Peggy Sullivan

Monday, December 2

7:00 AM— Zachary Deforge

By his Godparents

Tuesday, December 3

7:00 AM— Richard Carrigan

By Jim Addison and the Coldwell Banker Family

Wednesday, December 4

7:00 AM— Service

Thursday, December 5

7:00 AM— Parishioners

Friday, December 6

7:00 AM— Ben and Stelle Lewandowski

By Diana McClinton

Saturday, December 7

4:00 PM— Walter J. Reardon

By Wife, Daughter and Family

5:30 PM— Daniel Landry

By Aunt Nancy

Sunday, December 8

7:00 AM— Johnny Johnson

By Peg Johnson

9:00 AM— Clement Blanchet

By his Wife and Children

11:00 AM— Phillip Herbert

By his wife Ola Herbert

FROM OUR PASTOR'S DESK

First Sunday of Advent

When I was a young priest, about one year after ordination, I was called to the hospital to anoint a dying mother of three young children. She had a painful, terminal cancer. After celebrating Last Rites with her, I said, "Don't be afraid." She looked me square in the eye from her hospital bed and said, "Oh Father, I am in a lot of pain, but I am not afraid. Something wonderful is about to happen." A few days later she died.

Christians face the ending of our personal various "worlds" in a totally unique way. This first Sunday of Advent, Jesus says that when people see their world falling apart, they find themselves "**fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world**" (Luke 21:26). In our fear, our natural response is to check out, to hide our heads in drunkenness, distraction, and false securities. But Jesus commands us to "**look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.**" He then compares what's coming to a lovely summer in full bloom. That's what the cross and resurrection empower us to do, as strange as it may seem.

Advent challenge: What world in your life is collapsing? A relationship, a dream, a work opportunity? Maybe you're troubled by a crumbling world in the political or economic sphere. Or maybe someone you love is seriously ill or dying. Name that world or worlds. Then pray: "Lord, help me to not faint with fear. Help me to raise my head and see your redemption coming."

— Father John Muir © LPi



Our Tabernacle Lamp burns this week for the intention of

**Ronald Garneau
By his Wife**

Please call the Rectory to reserve the lamp



**November 16th & 17th
\$6136.00**

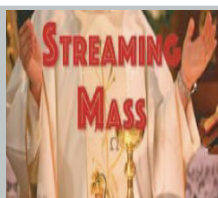
Today's Prayer

We must be on guard (3) for the Day which is to come when all will be fulfilled (1). As we await the coming of Christ, let us love one another (2), observing his covenant and decrees (Ps).



Parish Events

- Dec 1:** Rel. Ed. Grades 7-12 Social Center 8am
- Dec 1:** Coffee/Donuts after 9am Mass Snack bar
- Dec 1:** Rel. Ed. Grades PreK-6 Social Center 10am
- Dec 1:** Baptism church noon
- Dec 1:** The Chosen 2pm Classroom
- Dec 2:** Sandwich Ministry 10am Snack Bar
- Dec 2:** Lectio Divina bible sharing 6pm Classroom
- Dec 3:** St. Monica Service after 7am Mass
- Dec 3:** Kate's Kitchen 9am Social Center
- Dec 4:** Knitting Group 10am Chapel
- Dec 4:** Adult Choir rehearsal 6:30pm Chapel
- Dec 5:** Kate's Kitchen 8:30am Social Center
- Dec 5:** Toddler Playgroup 9:30am Social Center
- Dec 6:** First Friday Adoration 11:30-4:30pm Church
- Dec 6:** Confessions 5-7pm Church
- Dec 8:** Breakfast with Santa 8:30-10:30am
- Dec 8:** No coffee & donuts this week
- Dec 8:** Liturgical Dancers 9am Mass
- Dec 8:** Rel. Ed. Grades PreK-6 Social Center 10am
- Dec 8:** The Chosen Season Three 2pm Classroom
- Dec 8:** Deanery Penance Service 3pm Blessed Sac.
- Dec 8:** Holy Day Vigil Mass 5:30pm Church
- Dec 9:** Holy Day Masses 7am, 12:10pm, 5:30pm
- Dec 9:** Kate's Kitchen 8:30am Social Center
- Dec 9:** No Lectio Divina bible sharing this week
- Dec 9:** Contemporary Choir 6pm Church



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 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 Dec. 9th due to Holy Day Mass.



Coffee and Donuts

Please join us for coffee and donuts after the 9am Mass in the social center snack bar. All are welcome. **No donuts on Dec. 8th due to breakfast w/Santa.**

Vocations to the Priesthood

"Like a man away on a journey, he assigns each of us a task; be on the alert." Being chosen to serve as a priest or in consecrated life is an amazing work of the Lord. Talk to your priest or contact the Vocation Office at 413-248-7034 or via email: vocations@diospringfield.org.

Readings for the Week

- Nov 30:** Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22
- Dec 1:** Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 (1b)
1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
- Dec 2:** Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9
Mt 8:5-11
- Dec 3:** Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
Lk 10:21-24
- Dec 4:** Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
Mt 15:29-37
- Dec 5:** Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a
Mt 7:21, 24-27
- Dec 6:** Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31
- Dec 7:** Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
- Dec 8:** Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)
Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6



Advent Wreath Lighting

Individuals and families are needed to participate in lighting our Advent Wreath. A sign up sheet will be posted, it will be located near the Tabernacle.



**Immaculate Conception
Holy Day of Obligation**

Masses will be held on Sunday, December 8th at 5:30pm and Monday, December 9th at 7am, 12:10pm and 5:30pm.

Ladies Guild Christmas Cards

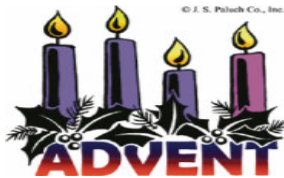
The Ladies Guild will be selling an assortment of Christmas cards in the vestibule after all the Masses the weekends of December 7 & 8 and December 14 & 15 or at the rectory. These cards are a wonderful way to have our living or deceased family members, or friends remembered at all the Christmas Masses. Each card is \$3.00

Volunteer needed to visit parishioners

and bring Holy Communion at Holyoke Hospital on Thursdays mid-late morning. No experience is necessary, just a desire to assist our sisters and brothers. If interested or would like more info. please contact Deacon Dave at the rectory.

Retirement Fund for Religious

"Your support acknowledges that we continue the mission of Christ even in our retirement", says Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart Sister Celeste Burgos, 80. Donations provide for the care, medicine, and daily needs of over 24,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to service. Please give if can.



Keeping Advent at St. Patrick's

Advent Wreath– We invite our parishioners to light the Advent wreath at the beginning of Mass. Sign-up sheet is near the Tabernacle.

Advent Liturgical Dance– Our young people will assist in the lighting on Sunday, December 8th at the 9am Mass.

Advent Penance Service– Our Deanery Advent Penance Service will take place on Sunday, December 8th at 3pm at Blessed Sacrament Church. We will have priests available for the celebration of the sacrament of penance. We hope you'll join us.



Ladies Guild Cash Calendars

The Ladies Guild Members will be selling Cash Calendars in the vestibule after each Mass on the weekends of November 30th & December 1st; December 7th & 8th; and December 14th & 15th.

They will also be available at the rectory.

These make great gifts or stocking stuffers for Christmas, and are good for people of all ages.

Each calendar offers 31 chances to win prizes from \$25 to \$300 for a total of \$1700.

Prizes drawn in January 2025

Each calendar costs \$10.00

Bus Trip to Wright's Farm & Our Lady of LaSalette Shrine

On Saturday, December 14, Our Lady of the Cross parish in Holyoke will be having a bus trip to Wright's Farm for lunch and then on to the Shrine of Our Lady of LaSalette. Lunch will be served family style and includes salad, baked chicken, pasta with sauce, French fries, rolls, ice cream and coffee.

There will be time after lunch to visit the gift shop. Please bring a cooler if you wish to purchase frozen chicken. At the Shrine there will be time to view the various creches and the outdoor Christmas lights. There will also be the opportunity to attend a concert by Fr. Pat, to attend Mass and to visit the gift shop.

The cost of \$80.00 includes bus transportation, driver gratuity, lunch and gratuity at Wright's Farm Restaurant and a donation to the Shrine.

We will depart from the Mater Dolorosa School parking lot at 10 am and return by 9 pm. To sign up for the trip, please call Charlotte at 413-636 - 6872 or the parish office at 413 - 532 - 5661.

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, email helds4marriage@gmail.com or go to our website www.helpourmarriage.org.

1st Friday Adoration

11:30-4:30pm, December 6th

Sign up sheet can be found by the tabernacle, please sign up for an hour. We need at least 2-3 people for each hour to be present with the Blessed Sacrament.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

**SUNDAY
DEC 8** **8:30AM-
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*Breakfast served
until 10:30am*

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- All ages welcome

Contact Ms. Kelly to register:
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- Knights of Columbus - Council 1721
- Scouts BSA Troop 303B

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
Christmas Celebration*

Wednesday, December 18, 2024

6:00 p.m.

Social Center

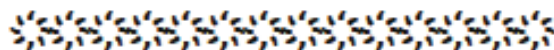
Mass at 5:30 in the church

Cost \$15.00 per member

Optional \$10.00 gift exchange

Dinner will consist of various food platters & desserts.

Soda & Water provided



Please detach and return no later than

December 11th to:

Judi Dorsett, 4 Brittany Rd., South Hadley, MA 01075

or place in

church collection basket or rectory drop box

(marked to the attention of the St. Patrick's Ladies Guild)

Name: _____

Payment: cash \$ _____ *check #* _____



HOLY FAMILY HOSPITAL of Bethlehem Foundation

Holy Family Hospital in Bethlehem is a Catholic teaching hospital that stands just 1,500 steps away from the birthplace of Jesus. The neo-natal and maternity hospital seeks ensure that no woman is in the situation of our Blessed Mother, Mary, without a warm and safe place to have her child. At Holy Family Hospital, no one is ever turned away. Everyone is welcome, regardless of race, creed or ability to pay.

Bethlehem is still the quaint city you may picture from the Nativity Story. However, as Bethlehem began to get back on its feet after the pandemic, the war in Gaza broke out. Although it is 45 miles from the war zone, Bethlehem has been deeply affected by the current conflict. Most people in Bethlehem have found themselves without work for over a year. Tourism, the cornerstone of their economy, has completely stopped. The unemployment rate has skyrocketed to 90%. With a wall standing between them and the rest of the world, they fall deeper and deeper into poverty. Food insecurity is prominent, and families are having to make unimaginable choices between food, water, and essential medical services. Amid all of this, Holy Family Hospital stands as a beacon of life, peace, and hope for mothers, babies, and families in the region.

Among the services, the Hospital provides are:

- Free pre-natal and nutritional care to all expectant mothers
- Full birth and maternity services
- The only Level III NICU for babies born 34 weeks or earlier in the area
- Diabetes diagnosis and treatment for all women
- A well-woman clinic treating symptoms of menopause
- Mammograms
- A mobile clinic that travels to the surrounding Bedouin communities.



On top of the services they offer, they also employ over 200 Palestinians, Christians and Muslims alike. They work together in harmony, with employees of one religion picking up shifts on holidays celebrated by the other.

It is an instrument of inter-religious peace -- where Muslims and Christians work side by side – and is an affirmation of life, peace, and hope in the conflict-ridden region where Jesus Christ was born.

Here at St. Patrick's Parish, we raised \$500.00 last Advent to support the Holy Family Hospital of Bethlehem. Your gifts enable the hospital to deliver these life-giving services to the most vulnerable and at-risk families in Bethlehem.

We are once again asking you to consider an Advent donation to this worthy and crucial non-profit organization. At the church entrances are some brochures with a donation envelope, which further explain the work of the hospital. You may donate using the donation envelope and dropping it in the collection baskets here in the church, or by going to their website, birthplaceofhope.org. All donations are tax deductible. And if you are not able to give monetarily, please keep the Holy Family Hospital of Bethlehem in your prayers this Advent Season.

On behalf of the fathers, mothers, and babies of Bethlehem, thank you for your generosity and for your prayers.

Jesus teaches us to "Love your neighbor as yourself"

With your encouragement and help,
our parish students
are able to witness and live
this during
the Advent/Christmas season.

Here are some of our Advent service
projects happening very soon.

Office of
Religious Education



Our annual Confirmation sponsored GIVING TREE Project



Our Religious Ed Confirmation students
will be putting the Christmas Wish Ornaments
out starting on Saturday, November 30th.

Parishioners are invited to take a
Christmas Wish Ornament from the tree
located near the Baptismal Font and
purchase the item written on it.
(You may take more than one ornament)
Please firmly secure your ornament to the
outside of the package with the writing
facing out. Gifts can be returned wrapped
or unwrapped.

Please place your gift under the tree
by December 15th.
Any gift returned after December 15th
will be held until next year.

OPERATION: CHRISTMAS SMILES



Our Religious Ed students are hosting their
annual **OPERATION: CHRISTMAS SMILES** service
project by collecting and distributing signed Christmas
Cards to veterans at the Holyoke Soldiers' Home, VAs in
Leeds and Springfield and active service members
stateside and abroad.

You can drop your signed card(s) in the "mailbox"
located by the Baptismal Font.
Blank cards are available at the mailbox too.
Please consider helping
to being a smile to one or more of our military heroes.

Spreading Hope - 1 Gift Bag at a Time -

Our Religious Ed Confirmation Prep students
are collecting items for the adults being helped by
the Hope Center, a residential addiction recovery center.

Students will be filling Christmas gift bags
for the each residents & stocking the centers supply closet
for new residents.

Please place these unwrapped items by **December 15th**
on the table in the Chapel.

Suggested items for both male & female residents

- A, B - hats, scarves, gloves
- C, D - toothpaste, toothbrushes
(NO mouthwash)
- E, F - soap, bodywash
- G-H - shaving cream, shaving gel
(NO razors)
- I, J, K - hand or body lotion
(NO hand sanitizer)
- L, M - shampoo, conditioner
- N, O - brushes, combs
- P, Q, R - pens, pencils
- S, T, U - art supplies
(crayons, colored pencils, markers)
- V, W - journals, notebooks
- X, Y, Z - puzzle books
(word search, crossword, sudoku)



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