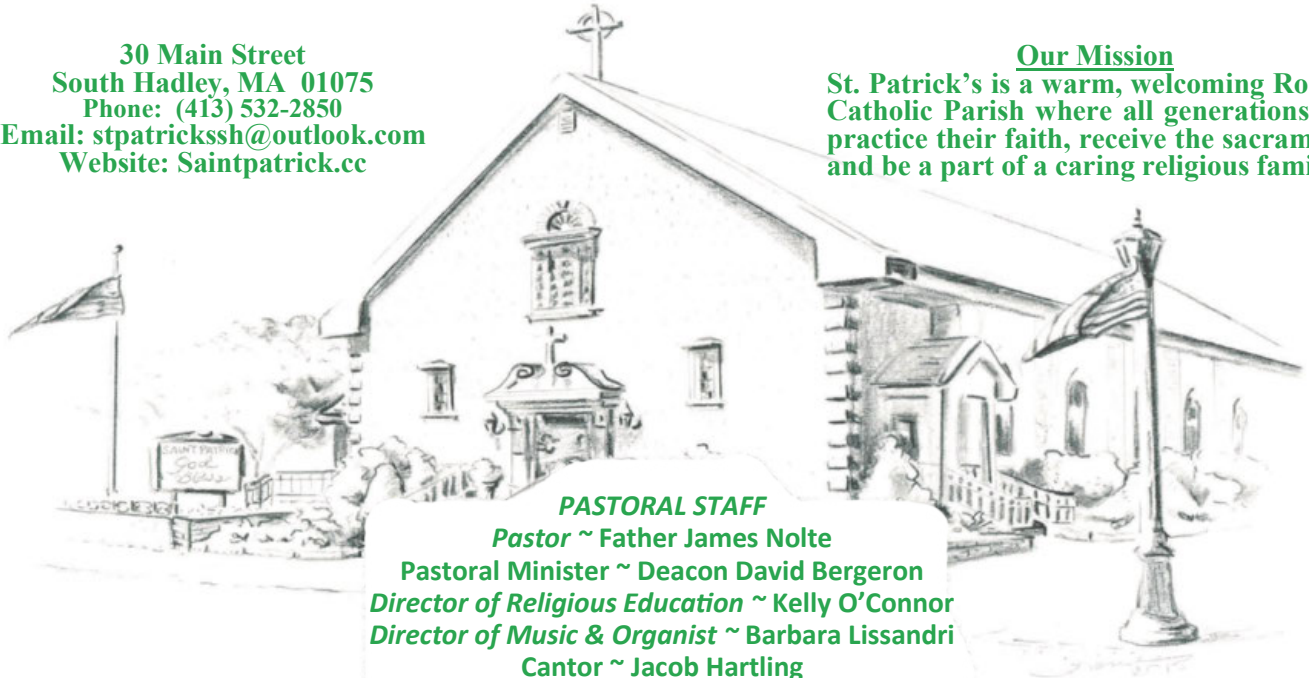


# ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

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Website: [Saintpatrick.cc](http://Saintpatrick.cc)

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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, 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

**5:30 PM— Immaculate Conception Vigil**

**Monday, December 9**

**7:00 AM— Marlene Gagne**

By her Husband

**12:10 PM— Parishioners**

**5:30 PM— Thanksgiving for favor received**

**Tuesday, December 10**

**7:00 AM— Theodore Grant**

By Family

**Wednesday, December 11**

**7:00 AM— Service**

**Thursday, December 12**

**7:00 AM— Barbara Duguay**

By Alice Pont and Family

**Friday, December 13**

**7:00 AM— Parishioners**

**Saturday, December 14**

**4:00 PM— Richard Lacoste**

By Family

**5:30 PM— Kathyne Van Handle**

By Family

**Sunday, December 15**

**7:00 AM— John Moriarty**

By Family

**9:00 AM— Rita Zajachowski**

By Family

**11:00 AM— Mary Labrecque**

By daughter Vivian

**FROM OUR PASTOR'S DESK**

**2nd Sunday of Advent**

In the year 1995, in the seventeenth year of my life, when Fife Symington was governor of Arizona, Bill Clinton was president of the United States, Chuck Keiffer was pastor of St. Theresa parish in Phoenix, Arizona, and Ron and Mary were my parents, the word of God came to my youth minister Eric and through him I started to see the salvation of God. Soon, Christ came into my life never to leave. I'm thankful beyond words.

Why am I being so specific, you ask? Because in the Gospel this week we hear the specific names of people holding civic and religious authority in first century Palestine when "the word of God came to John the Baptist:" Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate, Herod, Philip, Lysanias, Annas, Caiaphas, and Zechariah. All this is meant to help us see that God breaks into our history, into real human events. Jesus is no mere myth. He is the Word-which-breaks-in, in concrete moments, you might say. And now we anticipate his coming once again in our specific situations.

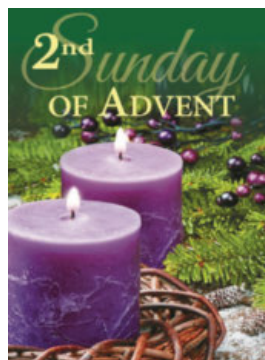
Advent challenge: Name as many civic and religious leaders who are in authority currently in your life. Now, name who the potential John the Baptists may be. A spouse? A friend? A podcaster? A work colleague who brings God's word to you? Spend a moment considering that this comprises the concrete, historical setting into which Christ wishes to come. Then, with these specifics in mind, pray: "Come, Lord Jesus. Come."

— Father John Muir © LPI

*Remember in Your Prayers Those Who Have Died:  
Mary Whelihan, Sheila Fitzell*

**Today's Prayer**

The Lord has done great things (Ps), leading his people out of slavery to the glorious splendor of Jerusalem (1). Let us make ready the way of the Lord (3) by abounding in love and in works of justice (2).



*Our Tabernacle Lamp burns this week for the intention of*



**Neil "Hinkle" & Deni Glidden  
By Barb & Jim Ripa**

*Please call the Rectory to reserve the lamp*

**Our Weekly Offering**

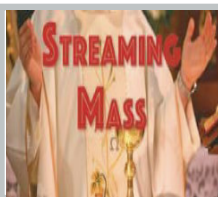
**November 23rd & 24th  
\$5659.00**

**Parish Events**

- Dec 8:** Breakfast with Santa 8:30-10:30am
- Dec 8:** No coffee & donuts this week
- 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 for December
- Dec 9:** Contemporary Choir 6pm Church
- Dec 10:** St. Monica Service after 7am Mass
- Dec 11:** Adult Choir rehearsal **6pm Church**
- Dec 12:** Toddler Playgroup 9:30am Social Center
- Dec 13:** Adoration 3-4:30pm Church
- Dec 13:** Confessions 5-7pm Church
- Dec 15:** Coffee/Donuts after 9am Mass Snack bar
- Dec 15:** Rel. Ed. Grades PreK-6 Social Center 10am
- Dec 15:** Sacrament of the Sick noon Church
- Dec 15:** The Chosen 2pm Classroom
- Dec 15:** Confirmation Prep 6pm Blessed Sacrament

**Liturgical Dancers—Bulletin Correction**

We apologize for the mis-print, our liturgical dancers lit the Advent wreath on December 1st at 9am. Please visit YouTube to view it.



**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 December.



**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.**

**Volunteer to help with Kate's Kitchen**

We are looking for a volunteer to help with the Kate's Kitchen meal on the first Tuesday of each month. Specifically someone to deliver the meal to Kate's Kitchen at approx. 10am and then to return to St. Patrick's and clean up the kitchen in the social center from the meal preparation. The time commitment would be about 90 minutes each month. If you are able to help out contact Deacon Dave at the rectory. Thank you!

**Readings for the Week**

- 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
- Dec 9:** Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4  
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
- Dec 10:** Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13  
Mt 18:12-14
- Dec 11:** Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10  
Mt 11:28-30
- Dec 12:** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab  
Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/ Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
- Dec 13:** Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19
- Dec 14:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b,15-16,18-19  
Mt 17:9a, 10-13
- Dec 15:** Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (6)/Phil 4:4-7  
Lk 3:10-18



**Advent Wreath Lighting**

Individuals and families are needed to participate in lighting our Advent Wreath. Please check the sign up sheet located near the Tabernacle for available Masses.



**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**

Support those who have given a lifetime. Women and men religious have dedicated their lives to service—praying, teaching, and caring for those in need—usually for little to no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your donation provides for essential care, medicine and daily needs. Please give generously.

**The Chosen Season 3 –  
“Come to me...I will give you rest”**

Sundays at 2pm in the St. Catherine Classroom. We will show 2 episodes each Sunday with the final 2 episodes of the season being shown on December 8th.



On December 15, a special Christmas showing of **The Chosen – “Oh Holy Night”**, will be shown. We will resume with **Season 4 – “Rise Up”** on January 5. Please join us if you can!!! It’s a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon.....WITH FREE POPCORN, CANDY, AND LIGHT BEVERAGES !!!



**Ladies Guild  
Cash Calendars**

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

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

**Deanery Penance Service Sunday, December 8th  
at 3pm at Blessed Sacrament in Holyoke**

**We hope you'll join us.**

**An Examination of Conscience**

Do I love God above everything and everyone else? Am I humble? Do I depend on God as I should? Do I devote myself to growing in faith? Am I prideful? Do I try to make the world revolve around me? Do I live out of a sense of self-sufficiency, imposing my will on others, acting as if I were the cause of the good in my life? Am I presumptuous? Do I think I can do whatever I want and that it will not matter to God? Do I pray every day? Do I go to Mass every Sunday and Holy Day? Am I thankful? Do I express my gratitude sincerely and outwardly, especially in works of mercy? Do I make excuses for my faults, blame others, rationalize, or relativize? Am I self-righteous? Am I forgiving? Do I harbor grudges, resentments. Do I take delight in the misfortunes of others? Do I judge others, label others, exclude others, condemn others? Is my life in any way ruled by anger, jealousy, envy, or impatience? Do I make gods of money, power, prestige, accomplishment, materialism, sensuality, vanity, pleasure, comfort, leisure, complacency, anything else? Do I put myself first through self-centeredness, egoism, vanity, etc? Do I engage in extra-marital sex? Do I use sex recreationally? Do I dedicate myself to knowing, loving, and living the Truth as it is taught by the Catholic Church? Do I live in the Truth and do I tell the truth always and without compromise? Do I misuse speech through cheating, gossiping, back-biting, profanity, blasphemy, complaining, being silent when I should speak, etc? Am I true to my vows, my commitments, my contracts, my word? Is my mind filled with thoughts that are lustful, vicious, mean-spirited, prejudicial, venal, worldly, etc? Do I waste time? Am I generous with my time? Am I lazy? Do the priorities in my life reflect and serve the precious gift of faith God has given me? Do I ever live more for myself than for God and others? Do I live by faith, or by emotions, by worldly philosophy, by current fads, by popular ideologies, by the pressures and deceptions of media and culture? What important things do I omit to do? Do I recognize how God is present and active in every moment of my life? Do I live by any standard other than the way of love revealed by Jesus Christ?

**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA**

**SUNDAY DEC 8**      **8:30AM-11:00AM**  
*Breakfast served until 10:30am*

**St. Patrick's Social Center**  
15 School St, South Hadley

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Contact Ms. Kelly to register:  
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**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



Diocese of Springfield  
Office of the Bishop

November 25, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In the coming weeks, our parishes will take up the annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. This campaign is crucial, benefiting more than 24,000 elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have been faithful servants within the Church, devoting their lives to service.

As I reflect on their ministry, I am grateful for the impact these women and men religious have had on our faith journeys, individually and as the People of God. Their devoted service has impacted our diocese, inspiring and guiding us as we grow in faith.

Most senior religious worked many years for little pay, leaving their religious communities with a shortage of retirement savings. Rising healthcare costs and decreased income compound the challenge to meet day-to-day needs for medications, nursing assistance, and other necessities.

Your contributions to the Retirement Fund for Religious play a vital role in providing necessary financial and material support. This support enables religious communities to care for their aging members while ensuring that the younger generation can carry forward the invaluable work of their elders.

Please consider contributing when asked and giving what you are able. Above all, I ask for your prayers for God's continued blessings on all our women and men religious, who keep you in their prayers as well.

Together, let us support the many religious women and men who have made enormous contributions to our Church and to the world.

With every good wish, I am

Your friend in Christ,

Most Reverend William D. Byrne  
Bishop of Springfield



*St. Patrick's Ladies Guild  
Christmas Celebration*

*Wednesday, December 18, 2024*

*6:00 p.m.*

*Social Center*

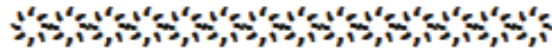
*Mass at 5:30 in the church*

*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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 #* \_\_\_\_\_

## 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  
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