# 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: 4:0

4:00pm and 5:30pm Sunday: 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am Weekday Masses 7:00am: Mono Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday Wednesday Communion Service 7:00am: <u>Holy days</u> Vigil: 5:30pm Holy Days: 7:00am and 5:30pm

<u>Sacrament of Baptism</u> 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.

<u>Sacrament of Marriage</u> 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.

<u>St. Patrick's Prayer Line</u> 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, December 14 4:00 PM— Richard Lacoste By Family 5:30 PM— Kathryne Van Handle **Bv** 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 Monday, December 16 7:00 AM— Neil "Hinkle" and Deni Glidden By Barb and Jim Ripa Tuesday, December 17 7:00 AM— Oliver Edson By Susan and Alan Cathro Wednesday, December 18 7:00 AM— Service Thursday, December 19 7:00 AM— Parishioners Friday, December 20 7:00 AM— Rita Winfield By Family Saturday, December 21 4:00 PM— Daniel Landry By Aunt Nancy 5:30 PM— Brad Winfield By Family Sunday, December 22 7:00 AM— Herbert Hadley By Family 9:00 AM— Richard Russell By Family 11:00 AM— Kenny McKenna By Mom, Dad, Kevin, Kelly, Trevor & Chad



Our Tabernacle Lamp burns this week for the intention of

Phillip Herbert By his wife Ola Herbert

Please call the Rectory to reserve the lamp



#### FROM OUR PASTOR'S DESK

#### 3rd Sunday of Advent

On a bright Spring morning, a passerby once saw St. Francis of Assisi hoeing a row of beans and asked him, "What would you be doing right now if you knew this was the last day of your earthly life?" The Saint responded, "I'd keep hoeing this row of beans." Preparing for this world to end — whether by our death or by Jesus' glorious coming — invites us to live not in the past or the present, but deeply in the present moment.

This same point is on display in the simple advice given by the wild and eccentric John the Baptist. He speaks of the one who is to come who will baptize "with the Holy Spirit and fire" (Luke 3:16). Despite the bizarre awesomeness of this announcement, he tells his listeners to engage in the present moment with simple acts of justice and love as their preparation for Jesus' coming, sharing their clothes and food, eliminating greedy and underhanded practices, being content with their wages. It's so undramatic. But how many actually did it? We don't know. How many of us will commit ourselves to these types of humble and demanding practices in our lives? That's what we should be doing now in our present moment, not worrying about the future.

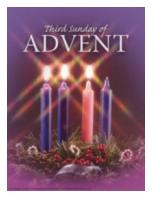
Advent challenge: Name one way you are doing the bare minimum towards others in your daily life. Or name something you are doing because you are not content with your financial situation. Pray: "Jesus, if it is your will, help me to stop doing these things this week. Help me prepare for your coming." Then make the appropriate changes.

– Father John Muir © LPi

Remember in Your Prayers Those Who Have Died: June Bagg

#### <u>Today's Prayer</u>

Rejoice in the Lord always (2)! Great in our midst is the Holy One of Israel, a mighty savior (1, Ps). It is he whom John foretold; it is he who will baptize in the Holy Spirit (3).



#### Third Sunday of Advent – December 15, 2024

#### Parish Events

- 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
- **Dec 16:** No Lectio Divina bible sharing for December **Dec 17**: St. Monica Service after 7am Mass
- **Dec 18**: Knitting Group 10am Chapel
- **Dec 18**: Ladies Guild Mass & Christmas 5:30pm
- Dec 18: Adult Choir rehearsal 6:30pm Church
- Dec 19: Toddler Playgroup 9:30am Social Center
- Dec 19: K of C Meeting 6:30pm St. Catherine Class
- Dec 20: Adoration 3-4:30pm Church
- Dec 20: Confessions 5-7pm Church
- Dec 22: Take & Eat 8am Social Center
- Dec 22: Baptism noon Church
- Dec 22: No Chosen movie this week, restarts 1/5/25



#### Live Stream Mass Schedule

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



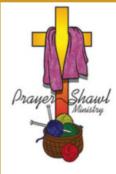
#### <u>Bible Sharing</u> Lectio Divina will not be held

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.



#### 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

- **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
- Dec 16: Nm 24:2-7,15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 & 7bc,8-9 Mt 21:23-27
- **Dec 17**: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 Mt 1:1-17
- Dec 18: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 Mt 1:18-25
- **Dec 19**: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 Lk 1:5-25
- Dec 20: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38
- Dec 21: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a
- Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45
- Dec 22: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4) Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-4

#### 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!

#### 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 information please contact Deacon Dave at the rectory.

#### **Retirement Fund for Religious**

"Sincere thanks to the donors of the Retirement Fund for Religious. I hope we meet, if not in this world, then in the next," says Sr Teresa Korycka, 81, of the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate. Your gift impacts over 24,000 senior women and men religious, providing them a dignified retirement. To learn how your donation helps, visit retiredreligious.org



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 !!!

#### Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Granby

is doing a Patriots Raffle to the January 5th game against the Buffalo Bills at 1 PM. The winner will receive TWO 50 Yard Line Seats and FREE access to the Brand New GP Atrium with FREE Food and FREE non-alcoholic beverages (before, during and after the game), as well as the opportunity to meet a former Patriots Player, Pat the Patriot & The Patriot Cheerleaders. Raffle tickets are \$20 and are available at our Parish Office (467-9821) and after all weekend Masses. Drawing is December 23rd. All raffle profits will be used to help pay our Oil & Snow removal bills this winter.Thank you!



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 complete details call 480-626-1266 or visit johnpaulpilgrimagesand tours.com .

#### Marriage Help Program January 31 - February 2

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.



#### 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



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

# With God all things are possible, without God we can do nothing.



# PRAYER SERVICE AND ROSARY FOR ADDICTION RECOVERY

Sunday, December 29th at noon St. Patrick Church 30 Main St, South Hadley

Join us as we pray for all those suffering with addiction and those who love them.

Addiction and substance abuse can be a stark reminder of our own struggles, weaknesses, and failings and that it is only in, with, and through God, we overcome them and are healed. Tuesday, December 24th - Christmas Eve -Parish Offices Closed 3:00pm - Lessons & Carols <u>Christmas Liturgy</u> 4:00pm, 5:30pm, Midnight

Christmas Schedule

Wednesday, December 25th - Christmas Day-Parish Offices Closed <u>Christmas Liturgy</u> 7:00am, 9:00am, & 11:00am

Thursday, December 26th Parish Offices Closed

## Jesus teaches us to "Love your neighbor as yourself"

With your encouragment 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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