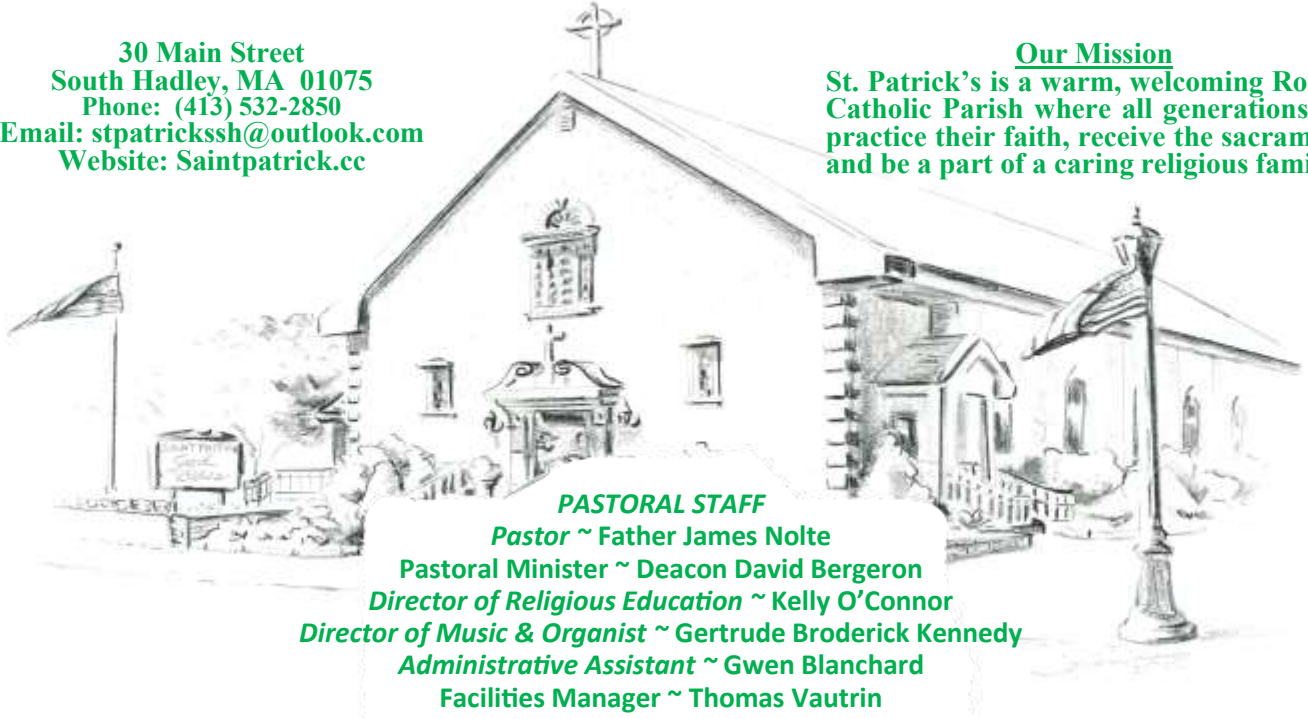


ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

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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 ~ Gertrude Broderick Kennedy
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

Fridays at 5-7pm or call for a more convenient time.

Sacrament of the sick

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 - ext. 403

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 - 532-2850

Bulletin Deadline- The deadline for copy material is ten days before the Sunday it will appear.

Religious Education Program - 532-2850 ext. 402

stpatdre@outlook.com

Classes held in the Social Center:

Saturday: 9:00am - 10:30 am.....Grades 7, 8, 9, 10, 11
11:00am - 12:00 pm.....Grades K, 1, 3, 4

Sunday: 10:00am - 11:00 am.....Grades 2, 5, 6

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, James Foley, Diane Godek, Linda Komer, Rochelle Langevin, Kara Mercier, Art Monfette, Cathy Monfette, Maureen Murray, Fr. James Nolte, Kelly O'Connor, Nicole Percy, Steve Werenski



Saturday, January 1

4:00 PM—Brad Winfield

By Family

5:30 PM— Shirley Babbitt

By Family

Sunday, January 2

7:00 AM— Jane Menard

By Charlie and Mary

9:00 AM— Edward Duguay

By Family

11:00 AM— Mr. & Mrs. Z. Robillard and

Paul & Rita Robillard

By Family

Monday, January 3

7:00 AM—Christopher Sandrilla

By Ed and Anne Cote

Tuesday, January 4

7:00 AM— Rhea Racine

By Roland and Sharlene Racine

Wednesday, January 5

7:00 AM— Service

Thursday, January 6

7:00 AM— Parishioners

Friday, January 7

7:00 AM— Annette St. Martin

By Family

Saturday, January 8

4:00 PM—Eloise Lacoste

By Peg and Dick Lacoste

5:30 PM— Lillian and Albert Peetz

By Family

Sunday, January 9

7:00 AM— The Roy and Van Belle Family

By Family

9:00 AM— Ethel Mimitz

By Roland and Sharlene Racine

11:00 AM— Brad Winfield 4th Anniv.

By Family

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

Therese Blanchette
Requested by Denise and Dianne

Please call the Rectory to reserve the lamp



**December 18th & 19th
\$7402.00**

FROM OUR PASTOR'S DESK

A Gift for the Wise Men

A rather liberal priest was teasing one of the women of the parish, asking, "How do we know the Wise Men weren't Wise Women?" She answered, "If they were, they'd have brought bottles, diapers, and a bassinet, instead of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." Maybe they were wise enough to know that Mary could have bought a lot of diapers with the gold.

The gifts, of course, are symbols of who Jesus is: a king who is both God and human. And I wonder what our gifts to the Lord say about our faith in him. Remember the song about the little drummer boy, who had no gift to bring but his ability to play the drum? Or the parable of the woman who brought two small coins to donate at the temple (Mark 12:42)? They both remind us that a person who gives all they have, no matter how little it seems, is the most generous.

So what do we bring to the newborn king? I can give my time by coming to church for the feast of Epiphany and actually paying attention. How often do I sit in the pews, answer the prayers by heart, and suddenly realize that I can't remember what the first reading was, or what the homily was about? Just making the effort to listen to the words of scripture, to hear what God may be trying to tell me, could be a great gift. Or I could bring someone in our family, or a friend, who doesn't go to church very much.

Now let's not forget the meaning of "epiphany." In ancient times it meant the appearance or manifestation of a divine being. In the early church the feast included the baptism of Christ (with the voice of the Father and the Spirit as a dove) and the miracle at Cana, as well as the visit of the magi. So what we celebrate is not so much our gifts or those of the Wise Men, as it is a gift from God, manifest in Jesus. Maybe a way to celebrate the Epiphany is to reflect on how God has been made known to me. Simple things, like a hug from a friend or an answered prayer, or major events like a wedding, the birth of a child, or a funeral, can all be ways to experience the Lord. The Wise Men received the gift of an epiphany by following a star. May the light of Christ lead you to him also.

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*Remember in Your Prayers Those Who Have Died:
James H. Shea*

Today's Prayer

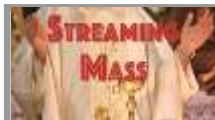
All nations are invited to sing the Lord's praises (1, Ps) for they have been called to hear the good news (2) and worship the long awaited Messiah and King (3) with the gift of their lives.



The Epiphany – January 2, 2022

Parish Events

Jan 2: Contemporary Choir 9am Mass
Jan 3: Lectio Divina 6pm session only Classroom
Jan 4: St. Monica Service after 7am Mass
Jan 4: Kate's Kitchen 9am Social Center
Jan 6: Kate's Kitchen 7:30am Social Center
Jan 7: Adoration 3-4:30pm Church
Jan 7: Confessions 5-7pm Church
Jan 8: Rel. Ed. Grades 7-11 Social Center 9am
Jan 8: Rel. Ed. Grades K,1,3,4 Social Center 11am
Jan 9: Contemporary Choir 9am Mass
Jan 9: Rel. Ed. Grades 2,5,6 Social Center 10am
Jan 9: Baptism Church noon



Live Stream Mass Schedule

Live Stream—YouTube
St Patrick South Hadley
Monday-Friday 7:00am Daily Mass
Friday 3:00-4:30pm Adoration and Benediction
(prayer requests can be made on our website)
Sunday 9:00am Sunday Mass



Lectio Divina- Bible Sharing

Lectio Divina will take 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.



Unused Christmas Cards needed

This past Christmas, our 7th and 8th grade Religious Ed students organized "Christmas Cards for our Heroes."
Over 500 cards were signed by local school students, area Religious Ed students, and our very own parishioners which were then distributed to Holyoke Soldiers' Home and soldiers stationed home and abroad.
We are getting a jump start on our card supply for next year but need your help. Students are collecting any unused Christmas cards with envelopes that parishioners may have left over from this past Christmas.
Thank you in advance and Happy New Year!



YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST

40 Hours Devotion

@ Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, Westfield
All are invited to attend 40 Hours Devotion at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church on 127 Holyoke Road in Westfield. The celebration of 40 Hours Devotion will begin on Thursday January 6 at 9am with the following schedule: Thursday January 6, 9:00am - 8:00pm, Friday January 7, 9:00 am - 8:00 pm, Saturday January 8, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm and 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Sunday January 9, 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Closing with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will begin at 7:30pm on Sunday January 9. For questions, please call the OLBS Parish Office at 413-562-3450.

St. Patrick's Church ~ South Hadley, MA

Readings for the Week

Jan 1: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Jan 2: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12
Jan 3: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a;
Jan 4: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
Jan 5: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
Jan 6: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a
Jan 7: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
Jan 8: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
Jan 9: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Contributions Statements

Yearly contribution statements for 2021 will be available. Please call the rectory office at 532-2850 between 9am—3pm or leave a message for Gwen if you wish us to send you one.

The Chosen Season 1 & 2

St. Patrick's presents The Chosen seasons 1 & 2 on Thursday's January 13—March 3 in the St. Catherine Classroom 6:30-8:30pm. 2 episodes shown every Thursday. The Chosen is a television series about Jesus and those who followed him. All are welcome.



Our Annual Giving Tree Project is in the books!

OVER 400 gifts were donated to Providence Ministry and local families this year. The Confirmation candidates and their Wish Elves would like to thank all the parishioners for their help in making it a success. Every year, everyone involved are so overwhelming to witness what an amazing, generous, and loving parish they are connected to. The Confirmation candidates were touched by some of the simple Christmas wishes requested by area children as they made the wish ornaments and again when they saw your overwhelming response in helping them grant these wishes. It warmed their hearts as they stood outside in the cold, loading all the gifts to be delivered.

"Life is Messy" Books Available

This book is about putting our lives back together, when life doesn't turn out as we expected it to. There has never been a more urgent need for us to attend to what is happening within us. This is quite simply the right book at the right time. Please feel free to take a copy from the church entrances.

Year of the Eucharist

"Creation and the government of the universe are great works which show thy power, thy wisdom, and thy mercy; but nowhere do they shine as in the Eucharist, memorial of the wonders that thou hast wrought on earth." St. John Vianney, *Eucharistic Meditations: 4th Meditation*. For more information visit www.yearoftheeucharist.net



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Office of the Bishop
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December 14, 2021

Dear Monsignor/Father/Deacon:

During this time of Advent, as we prepare for the birth of our Lord, we count our blessings. One of those blessings is the College of Our Lady of the Elms, an institution which, in light of the many ways it serves our people, is a special gift to the Diocese. By providing a college education in the Catholic Intellectual Tradition, the College of Our Lady of the Elms contributes to the evangelizing mission of our Diocese. And, like all private institutions of higher education, Elms is dependent on private support to fulfill its mission.

For more than 26 years, you and your parishioners have stood by and assisted Elms College through the diocesan collection. Your beneficence has enabled the College to make a top-rate Catholic education accessible to many in the region. It is an education rooted in faith, educated in mind, compassionate in heart, and responsive to civic and social obligations without compromising principle.

Since its inception, Elms College has granted more than 14,000 degrees to a wide range of students, many of whom have remained in the Diocese and have served this area in education, healthcare, human services, and business. This continued legacy is due in large part to the faithfulness of the parishes of the Diocese. This academic year, the weekend of January 1st and 2nd, 2022, is scheduled for a special collection in all diocesan parishes to support the Elms College Founder's Fund for Excellence, which underwrites student financial aid.

As a result of the generous efforts by you and your parishioners, last year over \$30,000 in aid was contributed to the College of Our Lady of the Elms. I trust this year that help will continue and with God's blessings, be exceeded.

With prayerful best wishes,

In Christ,
+Most Reverend William D. Byrne
Bishop of Springfield



Ad Altare Dei (AAD) Roman Catholic Religious Emblem

Group sessions to earn the Ad Altare Dei (AAD) Roman Catholic religious emblem are being organized to kick-off in the late fall/early winter 2021 in the Springfield/Westfield area and in late January in the Berkshires. The sessions will be held in the early evenings two Sundays a month. Further details will be available soon.

Roman Catholic Scouts who are members of parishes in the Springfield MA diocese, have completed the 6th grade and are active in a registered Troop or Crew are eligible to participate.

The Ad Altare Dei program is based on the seven Sacraments: the primary ways we encounter Christ and grow in our faith. The goal of the AAD program is to facilitate *faith growth* and **is not designed as a substitute for, but as a supplement to, a formal religious education program**. The Scout will look at his/her experiences of belonging to a group like Scouting and is led to discover the same things within the faith community.

More information about the emblem can be found at <http://nccs-bsa.org/index.php/religious-emblems/ad-altare-dei>

Those interested should contact Paul Lizak at 413-583-6646 or p_lizak@ieee.org for more information or to sign up.