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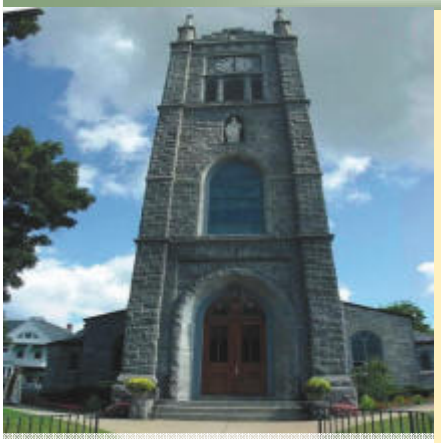

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LORD'S DAY MASSES
4:00 PM Saturday ~ St. Patrick's
6:00 PM Saturday ~ St. Christopher's
8:30 AM Sunday ~ St. Patrick's
10:30 AM Sunday ~ St. Christopher's

WEEKDAY MASSES
Monday and Wednesday 9:00 AM at St. Christopher's
Tuesday 8:00 AM and Friday 7:00 PM at St. Patrick's

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Monday ~ Thursday 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM

MATRIMONY
Couples need to contact the pastor *one year prior to the marriage* to begin the Matrimony and Pre-Cana process.

BAPTISMS
The second and third Sundays of the month.
Attendance at a Baptismal class is required. Classes are the first Friday of each month at St. Patrick's rectory at 7:00 PM.
Please call the rectory of your parish to register for a class.

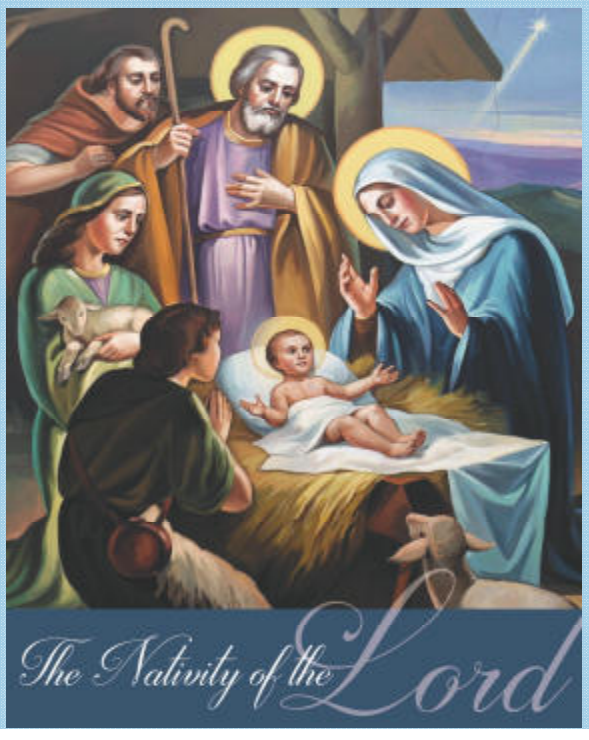
SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION
St. Patrick's ~ Saturday at 3:00 PM or by appointment;
St. Christopher's ~ Saturday following the 6:00 PM Mass or by appointment.

VISITATION OF THE SICK
Please inform either parish office if a loved one is hospitalized, in the care of a nursing facility, or confined to home and would like to receive the Sacraments.

ST. PEREGRINE NOVENA
Patron of those with cancer, Aids, and other serious illnesses; Mass, Novena and Veneration of Relic: Friday at 7:00 PM at St. Patrick's. Email intentions: StPereg4U@aol.com

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA
Tuesday at 8:00 AM Mass ~ St. Patrick's
Wednesday at 9:00 AM Mass ~ St. Christopher's

NEW PARISHIONERS
We welcome you to our Faith families. If you are new to one of our parishes, please register at the rectory. We want to get to know you and minister to you!



SATURDAY
4:00 P.M. Joseph Butcher, 26th Anniv., req. by His Daughter.
Carol Shea, Birthday, req. by Laura Corriveau.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8:30 A.M. Jack & Hannora Ammann, Anniv., req. by The Family.
Mark Merrill, Birthday, req. by The Merrill Family.

MONDAY
9:00 A.M. No Service.

TUESDAY
8:00 A.M. Mass offered for the People.

WEDNESDAY
9:00 A.M. Communion Service.

THURSDAY CHRISTMAS EVE
8:00 A.M. Prayers for Priests "Chalice of Strength".
4:00 P.M. Leo G. Beaulieu, req. by Thomas, Joan & Shirley.
Jennifer Hull, Stephen Hull, John & Angela Hull, Norman & Mary Malo, req. by The Family.
6:00 P.M. Mass at St. Christopher's.
MIDNIGHT Bob & Jane Jacobs, req. by The Family.
James Murphy, req. by His Wife & Family.

FRIDAY CHRISTMAS DAY
9:00 A.M. Seth & Marie Foster, req. by Their Daughter.
11:00 A.M. Mass at St. Christopher's.
7:00 P.M. **No Mass**.

SATURDAY
4:00 P.M. Victor & Joyce DePace, req. by Laura Corriveau.
David Foster, req. by Prayer Shawl Group.

NEXT SUNDAY
8:30 A.M. Nisio, Marie & Michael Uliana, req. by The Family.

Chalice of Salvation Special Christmas Morning Mass

Tune into WWLP 22News Christmas morning at the **special time of 11:00 A.M.** for a broadcast of Christmas Eve Mass from St. Michael's Cathedral. Bishop William Byrne will be the main celebrant for this festive liturgy. Please share this information with home-bound parishioners, families and friends.

Christmas Masses for St. Patrick's (Must have a ticket)

THURSDAY Dec. 24th 4:00 P.M. and Midnight
FRIDAY Dec. 25th 9:00 A.M.

Due to COVID19 *every person coming to Christmas Mass must have a ticket.* Each Mass will have a different color ticket, will be numbered and can only be used for that Mass. You can pick up your ticket at the Rectory Monday ~ Friday from 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. (*We have 80 tickets per Mass)*

Attention!! C.C.D. Registration Deadline: Dec. 31st

***All Students Must Be Registered Each Year*.**

C.C. D. Registration will take place in Dec. during office hours, **Monday ~ Friday from 8:30 A.M to 5:00 P.M.** Parents will be given a text at the time of registration. We hope to be able to have classes at Columbia Hall, but if we can't classes will be done by remote or home schooling. At least each child will have a text and be able to cover the material they would have for the year. Our main concern is to keep our children learning about their religion.

GRADES 1,3~9 REGISTRATION FEE: $25.00 per student.
GRADES 2 & 10 (Sacrament Years) $30.00 per student.
Classes Start Sunday, Jan. 10th for all grades.

Please remember that the Sacramental programs are two years and the child must attend both 1st and 2nd grade to make First Communion and both 9th and 10th grade to make Confirmation. ***We do want these 4 grades to meet every week if possible starting Jan. 10th*.**

Parish Stewardship Week of Dec.13th:

	ENVELOPES:	$3,416.00
	H.E.L.P:	282.00
	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:	528.00
	RETIRED RELIGIOUS:	526.00
	CHURCH RESTORATION:	70.00
	Parish Budget:	$3,496.00
	Actual Collection:	3,416.00
	Over/**(Under)** Amount:	**(- 80.00)**
Expenses:	Payroll, Monthly Bills, Misc.	2,702.24
	Snow Plowing	1,880.00
	Total Expenses:	**4,582.24**

Envelope Reminder!

Please make sure **ALL** your Church envelopes are in for the year by ***Sunday, Jan. 3rd*** if you want credit for them this year. They will be sent to the recording company **Tuesday, Jan. 5th** so that the ***Annual Contribution Statements*** can be done and sent back so that we can mail them to you (upon request) for your taxes.

The rectory will be closed Thursday, Dec. 24th and Friday, Dec. 25th.
Have a Merry Christmas!

PRAY FOR . . . *Jeannette T. Lambert*

COVID-19 Guidelines
St. Patrick & St. Christopher

1. The Governor's Office mandates limiting seating to 40% of the minimum occupancy levels as stated on the Building Permit.
2. All persons who are not of the same household shall be seated at least 6 ft. apart.
3. All persons of the same household are permitted to sit together and do not have to observe the 6 ft. rule.
4. Pews shall be blocked off and kept empty to allow for sufficient social distancing.
5. All persons in attendance shall wear a face covering or a mask upon entering the building, participating at Mass and when leaving the building.
6. A person who declines to wear a face covering or a mask because of a medical or disabling condition shall not be required to produce documentation verifying the condition.
7. Children between the age of 2 and 5 will wear masks at the parent's or guardian's discretion. Children under the age of 2 should not wear a mask.
8. Please follow the instructions of the ushers before taking a seat in the church.
9. If you are not feeling well, please do not attend Mass. The Bishop has issued a blanket dispensation for all those who cannot or should not gather with other people at this time. Those 60 and older and those with underlying health conditions should carefully consider whether or not they should attend Mass.
10. To ensure the safety of all the previous diocesan restrictions and state guidelines we will continue including:
    * Omission of the Sign of Peace
    * No Communion from the cup
    * **Communion in the hand ONLY**
    * Holy Water fonts to remain empty
    * **Social distancing (6 Ft. minimum) to be maintained at all times**
    * **Masks will be required**
11. The practice of bringing the gift to the altar will be temporarily suspended.
12. The aisles of the church have been marked with tape to indicate the 6 ft. distance. Please observe the 6 ft. rule at all times.
13. A collection kiosk will be placed at the entrance of the church for your financial contributions, please place your envelopes in the kiosk as you enter the building.
14. Holy Communion will be given at the end of the Mass to facilitate exiting the building. People should exit individually and not in groups, unless you are members of the same household.
15. Every effort will be made to ensure the safety and good health of those attending Mass. The Church will be sanitized after every Mass, all high use areas of the Church will receive special added attention.
16. Parishioners are encouraged to bring their own mask and sanitizer; the parish will have some masks and sanitizer for personal use.

A Christmas Prayer for Peace

Great God of Peace, we celebrate the birth of Your Son, Jesus, remembering the words of the angels on the night of His birth, "Peace on earth to all of good will."

Today, as never before, Heavenly Father, we pray for Your loving peace. May peace be the guiding force in the hearts of our world leaders. May peace reign in every corner of the globe and in the hearts of every man, woman and child upon this earth.

This Christmas and always, may we embrace Your wonderful gift of peace with courage and conviction. In so doing, we will also be embracing Your greatest gift to us Your Son, the Prince of Peace!

May the blessing of this Holy Season be yours in abundance. A joyous Christmas!

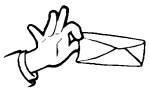
Fr. Jack
Deacon Gary
Deacon Bernie
Administrative Assistants Barbara & Stephanie

New Year's Mass Schedule

THURSDAY NEW YEAR'S EVE
4:00 P.M. Mass at St. Patrick's
6:00 P.M. Mass at St. Christopher's
FRIDAY NEW YEAR'S DAY
9:00 A.M. Mass at St. Patrick's.
11:00 A.M. Mass at St. Christopher's.

Catholic Inspirations 2021 Calendars St. Patrick Church

The new *Catholic Inspirations 2021 Calendars* are here for anyone who wishes to have these beautifully illustrated and informative calendars. From the beautiful art work, types of feast days, colors for daily Mass Vestments and many of the Saints days. Each month features a different scene of importance in our Catholic faith along with a brief scripture reading. Please feel free to take one, compliments of the Martha/Mary Committee. You will find them in all of the vestibules of the church and also at the rectory. Enjoy them!!



Envelopes

Would you like to receive church envelopes or are you new to the parish? If so, please fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket or mail it to the rectory.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

ADVENT

SATURDAY
6:00 P.M. Rocco Anthony Fresolo, 30th Anniv., req. by His Daughter Tricia.
Laurette LaBlanc, 9th Anniv., req. by Grayson and Charlotte McIntyre.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
10:30 A.M. Mary Ryan, req. by Joe and Marie DiFabio.
Lorraine Norton, req. by The DeMiranda Family.
Oscar Samson, Months Mind, req. by His Daughter Valerie and Family.

MONDAY
9:00 A.M. Mass offered for the People.

TUESDAY
9:00 A.M. No Service.

WEDNESDAY
9:00 A.M. Mass and Novena.

THURSDAY CHRISTMAS EVE
4:00 P.M. Mass at St. Patrick's.
6:00 P.M. Mass at St. Christopher's.
MIDNIGHT Mass at St. Patrick's.

FRIDAY CHRISTMAS DAY
9:00 A.M. Mass at St. Patrick's.
11:00 A.M. Mass at St. Christopher's.

SATURDAY
6:00 P.M. William "Bud" Roberts, req. by The Peters Family.

NEXT SUNDAY
10:30 A.M. Adelaide DeMiranda, req. by The DeMiranda Family.

Parish Stewardship Week of Dec. 13th:

ENVELOPES:	$2,854.00
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:	190.00
RETIRED RELIGIOUS:	120.00
Parish Budget:	$2,800.00
Actual Collection:	2,854.00
(Over)/Under Amount:	**(+ 54.00)**

Weekday Mass Reminder

To keep everyone safe, if school is cancelled or delayed due to inclement weather (in Monson or Tantasqua Regional), daily Mass will also be cancelled and the rectory will be closed.

PRAY FOR . . . *Lenny Boudriault*

Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father." - Lk 1:30-32

Watch Christmas Day Mass Live

Christmas Day Mass will be streamed live on Facebook so that people can join Mass from home. Mass will begin promptly at 11:00 A.M. so be sure to tune in to our Facebook page to be able to view Mass:
Facebook.com/StChrisBrimfield

Angel Tree Thank You!!

The *Angel Tree Program* enjoyed another successful year. **50 gifts** were purchased and delivered to **25 children**. Thank you to all who purchased and wrapped presents, and to all who helped sort and set up delivery bags, and to the drivers who delivered the gifts. You all helped the program run smoothly. You have helped bring the spirit of Christmas to so many children.

CCD Schedule
Dec. 20, Jan. 10, 24

Grades 1 and 2 will meet from 9:00 A.M. to 10:20 A.M. in the Parish Center.
Grades 7 & 8 and 9 will meet from 9:00 A.M. to 10:20 A.M. in the Church Hall (Lower Church).

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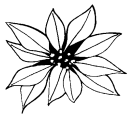
Grades 3 & 4 and 5 & 6 will meet from 9:00 A.M. to 10:20 A.M. in the Church Hall (Lower Church).
Grade 10 will meet from 9:00 A.M. to 10:20 A.M. in the Parish Center.

ATTENTION!! NO CCD

There will be NO CCD classes Dec. 27th due to the Christmas Holiday. Please have a Merry Christmas and a Happy and safe New Year!! We'll see you in class on ***Jan. 3rd.***

CWC Meat Pies!

If you ordered meat pies, they are ready for pick-up! If you have not yet ordered, there is still time and availability to get yours today! Contact Cindy or Sheila from the Women's Club. Also, raffle tickets have been drawn and the winners notified! If you were notified, please contact the rectory to pick up your prize.



Holiday Winter Baskets

The CWC have *Holiday Winter Baskets* available for purchase after all Masses. They are great for decorating outside your home or in memory of a loved one at their grave. A bargain at just $20 each!

The rectory will be closed beginning Wednesday, Dec. 23rd and will reopen Monday, Dec. 28th.

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