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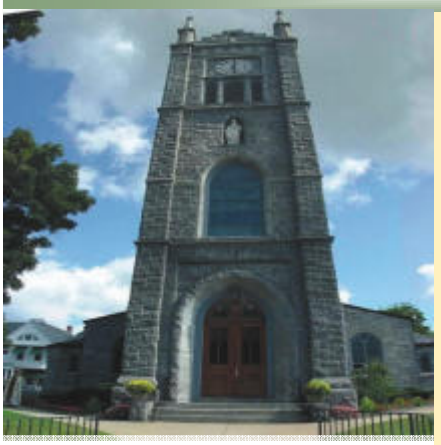

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St. Christopher's
Stephanie Luke *Administrative Assistant*

St. Christopher ~ Brimfield, MA [1953]

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

Holy Day Masses
As Announced

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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS
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.

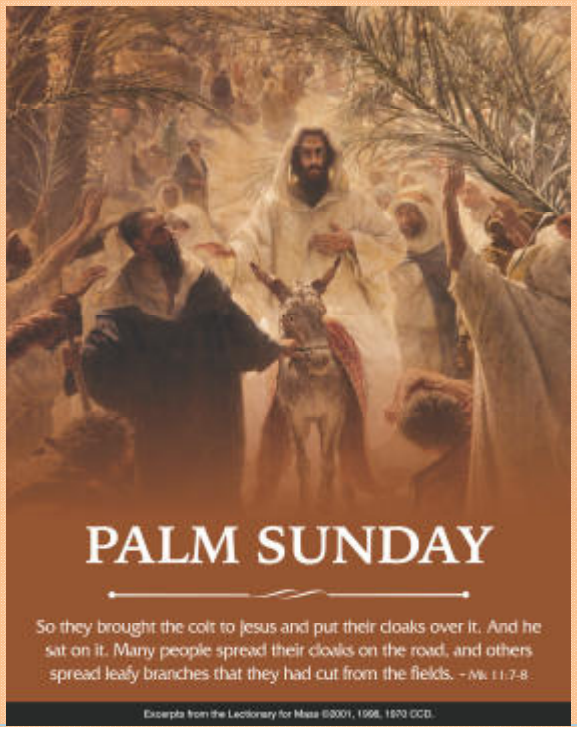
SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION
St. Patrick's ~ Saturday at 3:00 PM or by appointment;
St. Christopher's ~ Saturday following the 6:00 PM Mass or by appointment.

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. Robert A. Auclair, 1st Anniv. & Birthday, req. by His Wife & Family.
Roger Leclerc, req. by Veronica Kennedy.
Gerard & Janet Pellissier, req. by The Family.

PALM SUNDAY
8:30 A.M. Isabella Moore, Anniv., req. by The Family.
Deceased Members of Knights of Columbus Council #4794, req. by The Knights of Columbus.

MONDAY
9:00 A.M. No Service.

TUESDAY
8:00 A.M. Francis Schwartz, 16th Anniv., req. by The Family.

WEDNESDAY
9:00 A.M. Communion Service.

HOLY THURSDAY
8:00 A.M. Prayers for Priests "Chalice of Strength".
7:00 P.M. Mass at St. Christopher's.
Followed by Holy Hour for Vocations.

GOOD FRIDAY
3:00 P.M. Good Friday Liturgy at St. Christopher's.
(Seated Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion)
7:00 P.M. Good Friday Liturgy at St. Patrick's.
(Seated Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion)

HOLY SATURDAY
8:00 P.M. Easter Vigil ~ St. Patrick's.
James Murphy, req. by His Wife & Family.

EASTER SUNDAY
8:30 A.M. John Coggeshall, Anniv., req. by The Family.
Nisio, Marie & Michael Uliana, req. by The Family.

Weekday Masses

St. Christopher will broadcast their 9:00 AM weekday Masses Monday and Wednesday on Facebook. Holy Week Services will be broadcast live on their Facebook page and also will be airing on the local Brimfield Access Channel 191.

Grade 1

Bridget Wietecha will schedule **Zoom classes as needed.** She will be in touch with the parents by email on Saturdays to assign what lessons need to be done for the next zoom session.

Reminder: If you are in first grade and have not registered and received a book please stop in at the rectory Monday-Friday from 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. *Please remember that the Sacramental programs are two years and the child must attend both 1st and 2nd grade to make First Communion.*

Grades 2, 3, 4

GRADES 2, 3, 4 will meet on **Sunday, April 11th from 9:30 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.** in Columbia Hall. Please wear a face mask and maintain social distance. Hand sanitizer will be available.

Grades 5 & 6

Grades 5 & 6 have started virtually. Please register at the rectory to receive your book. Once registered, parents should contact Correna Roberts at 267-9475 for information on how to access the class.

Grades 9 &10

Grades 9 & 10 will meet on **Sunday, April 11th from 5:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.** upstairs in Columbia Hall. Please wear a face mask and maintain social distance. Hand sanitizer will be available.

Parish Stewardship Week Of March 21st:

	ENVELOPES:	$2,034.00
	H.E.L.P:	125.00
	CHURCH RESTORATION:	484.88
	Parish Budget:	$3,496.00
	Actual Collection:	2,034.00
	Over/**(Under)** Amount):	**(- 1,462.00)**
Expenses:	Payroll, Monthly Bills, Misc	2,737.00
	Diocesan Bill	1,602.31
	Total Expenses:	**4,339.31**

Annual Catholic Appeal 2021 "Sowing the Seeds"

Just an update on the Appeal. Our goal this year is $22,000.00. As of March 19th our total is $7,220.00. Last year we received $22,460.00. If you have not had an opportunity to make your gift to the Appeal, you still have time. No amount is too small ~ every dollar counts! Visit www.diospringfield.org to make an online donation or mail your check to Annual Catholic Appeal, Diocese of Springfield, PO Box 9, East Longmeadow, MA 01028-0009. ***To those who have supported the Appeal this year, many thanks to you for your generosity.***

PRAYER SHAWL REQUEST

If you know someone who is ill and would like to give them a Prayer Shawl, please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket at Mass or call Kathy at 267-4069.

Name of Recipient_____

Your Name_____

Your Phone #_____

Phone # necessary for delivery of Prayer Shawl.

Stations of the Cross ~ Mary's Way of the Cross Thank You

Deacon Gary would like to thank the women from both parishes that read, our organist Keith Richardson, everyone that put their time and effort into it and everyone that attended. It was an emotional evening and an experience that touched everyone's lives.

IMPORTANT!

Diocesan Holy Week Regulations Due to COVID-19

Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday)
Palms will be given out at the end of Mass as you leave the church by an usher. They cannot be placed in a basket.

Holy Thursday ~ 7:00 P.M. at St, Christopher's
Mass only at St. Christopher's. There will be no washing of the feet and the church will be sanitized and closed right after the Holy Hour for Vocations.

Good Friday ~ 3 PM St. Christopher's 7 PM St. Patrick's
Communion will be given at the end of the Service. The Veneration of the Cross will be done by the whole congregation spending time in silent prayer before the Cross in their pews, rather than by approaching it. (Parishioners should not be touching or kissing the Cross.)

Easter Vigil ~ Saturday, 8:00 P.M. at St. Patrick's
Congregational tapers will not be used this year, as blowing them out is impossible with a mask.
There will be no blessing of food this year.

Masks to be worn at all times covering the mouth and the nose, social distancing to be strictly observed.
There will be no missalettes in the pews. If you have one from attending mass on weekends please bring it with you. There will be missalettes available, but if you take one do not leave it in the pew please take it home with you.

Spring Cleaning Bethany Cemetery

According to the cemetery rules **April 1st is the deadline to remove all winter decorations** from the graves at Bethany Cemetery otherwise they will be removed and discarded to allow for cleanup and proper care of the cemetery. *Flowers may be placed on graves in time for Mother's Day and may be left on until July 12th when they are to be removed. They may be placed for Birthdays and Anniversaries, but must be removed 2 weeks later.* Any questions please contact the Rectory between 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Easter Confession ~ Both Parishes

Monday after the 9:00 A.M. Mass at St. Christopher's.
Tuesday after the 8:00 A.M. Mass at St. Patrick's.
Wednesday after the 9:00 A.M. Mass at St. Christopher's.
Wednesday from 6:00 to 7:00 P.M. at St. Patrick's.
or **by appointment (no later than Wednesday 7:00 P.M.**) at St. Patrick's.

Pontifical Good Friday Collection

Pope Francis has asked our parishes to support the *Pontifical Good Friday Collection*, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The *Pontifical Good Friday Collection* also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the *Pontifical Good Friday Collection* provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the *Pontifical Good Friday Collection*, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Please be generous!

The collection will be made on Good Friday, April 2nd at the 3:00 P.M. Service at St. Christopher's and at the 7:00 P.M. Service at St. Patrick's.

Operation Rice Bowl

Palm Sunday Serving the Suffering Christ

As we enter Holy Week and celebrate Palm Sunday, let's reflect on how our Lord suffered from our indifference: those who proclaimed him king of Jerusalem were the same who called to crucify him. We recognize we are all one human family. Are we contributing to the suffering of our sisters and brothers with our indifference to their realities? How does our faith inspire us to care for them and share the gifts that God has bestowed on us?
Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

We will collect your CRS Rice Bowls Holy Thursday at St. Christopher's and the Sunday after Easter at St. Patrick's. Thank you for participating in CRS Rice Bowl.

Annual Catholic Appeal

2021 Annual Catholic Appeal "Sowing the Seeds"

This Lenten Season, we have been called to prayerfully consider a sacrificial donation to the *2021 Annual Catholic Appeal.* **"Sowing the Seeds"** of our faith will sow the seeds of hope to those who most need our help during this time of COVID-19. Ministries and agencies provide emergency food, support services to the family & elderly, services to young people, pastoral and spiritual support services and supports vocations. Please help our parish meet our goal. There is still time to take part by using the packet sent to your home, donating online at www.diospringfield.org/aca, calling 413-452-0670, or take an envelope available at church.

Every contribution makes a difference.

If you have already sent in your pledge or donation ~ Thank you for your support!

SATURDAY
6:00 P.M. Carol Gamble, Month's Mind, req. by Her Friend Tricia Uwazany.

PALM SUNDAY
10:30 A.M. Laurence Boudriault, req. by The Peters Family.
Chester Bonak, Birthday, req. by His Daughter Susan.

MONDAY
9:00 A.M. Mary Ryan, req. by Jeff and Sheila Fortier.

TUESDAY
9:00 A.M. No Service.

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

HOLY THURSDAY (The Sacred Triduum)
7:00 P.M. Mass ~ St. Christopher's.
Followed by Holy Hour for Vocations.

GOOD FRIDAY
3:00 P.M. Good Friday Liturgy ~ St. Christopher's.
(Seated Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion)
7:00 P.M. Good Friday Liturgy ~ St. Patrick's.
(Seated Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion)

HOLY SATURDAY
8:00 P.M. Easter Vigil ~ St. Patrick's.

EASTER SUNDAY
10:30 A.M. Oscar Samson, req. by The Peters Family.
Helen Phillips, req. by Her Family.

Parish Stewardship Week of March 21st:

ENVELOPES:	$1,632.00
CCD:	170.00
RESTORATION:	237.00
Parish Budget:	$2,800.00
Actual Collection:	1,632.00
Over/**(Under)** Amount:	**(- 1,168.00)**

Easter Sunday Seating

In order to accommodate the expected attendance for Easter Sunday, we will be working on a seating plan. If you know you will be attending Mass at St. Christopher's on Sunday, April 4th, please contact the rectory. Seats will be assigned through March 29th. Please do not sign up for seats if you will not be at Mass. We will also have a limited number of over-flow seats available which is set up in the basement to view live on a screen.

So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it. And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. - Mk 11:7-8

CCD Schedule
Mar 28, April 25, May 9, 23

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).

April 11, May 2, 16

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.
Please Note: Classes will not be held on April 4th for Easter Sunday, or April 18th for spring break.

Holy Week Services

Holy Week Services (Holy Thursday 7:00 PM, Good Friday 3:00 PM and Easter Sunday 10:30 AM) will be broadcast live on our Facebook page and also will be airing on the local Brimfield Access Channel 191.

Our Hope Lies in You~Thank You

The Catholic Women's' Club would like to extend a belated thank you all for the support you gave to our last fundraiser. It was a combination of the Craft Fair raffle, meat pies, bakeless food sale, and winter boxes all in one. We raised just under $3,000 that is earmarked for the rectory. Your generosity in the midst of an especially difficult year speaks to the strength of our parish and reminds us this Easter Season to remain ever hopeful in each other and in our Faith.

Community Service / Volunteer Opportunities

Got some time on your hands? Don't know what to do with yourself? Have a student in need of community service hours ~ or just want to instill the value of charity and service to others in your child?
There are opportunities for all ages here at St. Christopher's Parish and with the Hitchcock Academy. An example of projects: raking & brush cutting, window washing, computer/ research. For info or details at either place contact Cindy at execdirector@hitchcockacademy.org or call the rectory.

E-mail Prayer Requests

"Prayer: (n) an address (as a petition) to God in word or thought; the act or practice of praying to God." ~ Merriam Webster. If anyone has any **prayer requests**, please e-mail Barbara at bayers9746@charter.net. Also, if you would like to receive the **Prayer Line requests** e-mail Barbara and let her know.

Save the Date!

The Town of Brimfield will be holding a town-wide clean-up Saturday May 1st! Stay tuned for details!

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