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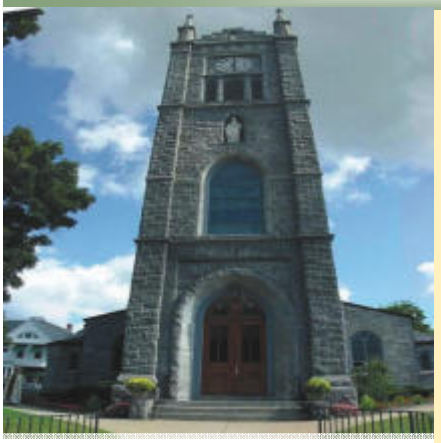

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Christine Bolte *Administrative Assistant*

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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Monday ~ Friday 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM

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16 Sturbridge Rd., Rt. 20, PO Box 387,
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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS
Monday ~ Thursday 8:30 AM to 2:30 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.

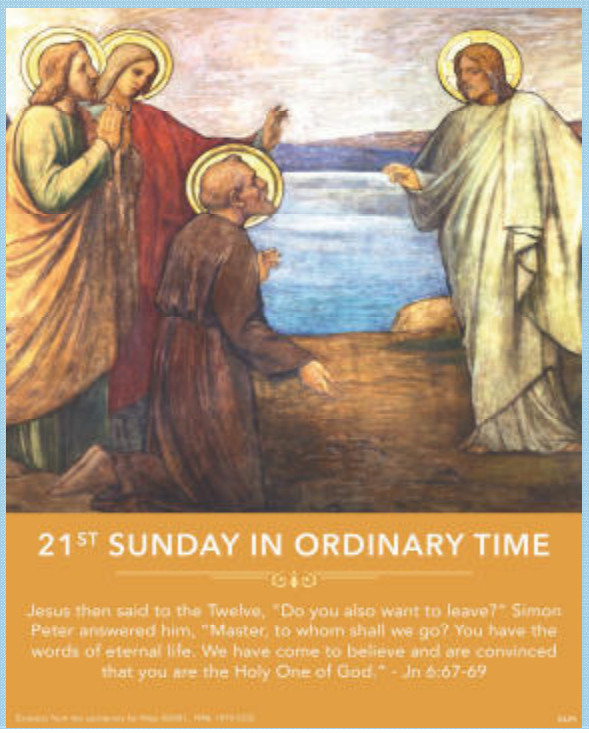
SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION
St. Patrick's ~ Saturday at 3:00 PM or by appointment;
St. Christopher's ~ Saturday following the 6:00 PM Mass or by appointment.

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!



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY Special Intention
4:00 P.M. Mass offered for our Military and Nurses, req. by The Parish.

SUNDAY
8:30 A.M. Claire Oppel, Birthday, req. by The Family.

MONDAY
9:00 A.M. No Service.

TUESDAY
8:00 A.M. Fred Fredette, 5th Anniv.
Miraculous Medal Novena.

WEDNESDAY
9:00 A.M. No Communion Service.

THURSDAY
8:00 A.M. Prayers for Priests "Chalice of Strength".

FRIDAY
7:00 P.M. For All the Holy Souls in Purgatory, req. by The Crescentini Family.
St. Peregrine Novena.

SATURDAY
4:00 P.M. Delia Authier, Anniv., req. by The Family.
Ronald Butcher, 60th Anniv., req. by His Sister.
Helen Hobbs, 30th Anniv., req. by The Hobbs Family.

NEXT SUNDAY
8:30 A.M. Mass offered for the People.

Check this Out!

Just to Let You Know

Randy Pascale is planning to start the repair of the Church Tower Monday, Aug. 30th. It consists of: lift equipment, repair mortar joints and other related exterior surfaces in need of repair for the purpose of weather tightening (most of this repair consists of grinding and removing existing damaged mortar joints, cleaning, infill with new spec type "S" mortar) other sealants, techniques and materials will need to be used in addition, to complete the scope of weather tightening. **The price for this project will be $24,480.00**. While we have the lift we are going to have the louvers checked and painted and also paint the tower windows. We have not received a price for this. The entire tower was last done in 1984 at a cost of $12,000.00.
We need your help! This will drain the Restoration Fund of all money plus more. We need to keep this account going in case of an emergency or to fix other maintenance problems. We would like to thank the people that have already given to this project. We will keep you updated.
Church Tower: $24,480.00 – 17,077.68= $7,402.32 needed
Louvers/Windows price not none. Will update.

Attention!! C.C.D. Registration Deadline: Sept. 16th

All Students Must Be Registered Each Year.

C.C. D. Registration will take place at Columbia Hall on:
Saturday, Sept. 11th after the 4:00 P.M. Mass.
Sunday, Sept. 12th after the 8:30 A.M. Mass.
You may also register your child during office hours, **Monday through Friday from 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.**
GRADES 1,3~9 REGISTRATION FEE: $25.00 per student.
GRADES 2 & 10 (Sacrament Years) $30.00 per student.
Classes Start Sunday, Sept. 19th 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. **(Exceptions will apply to those who couldn't attend the 1st and 9th grade class in 2020 due to Covid.)**

Assistant Teacher Needed For Grades 7 & 8

Grades 7 & 8 meet twice a month on Sunday evenings from 5:30 to 7:00 P.M. at the Parish Hall. Rosalia Flores would like someone to help her with the class. Classes are small and combined with the possibility of 14 students. If you have any questions or are interested please contact the rectory 267-3622.

We Need Eucharistic Ministers and Readers

Please consider sharing some of your time at Mass as a **Eucharistic Minister** or a **Reader**. If you are interested, please contact the Rectory at 267-3622. We need people for both Masses.

Want To Be An Altar Server?

An Altar Server is an important part of our church. They not only help the priest at Mass, but they are also serving Our Lord. Please consider this important ministry as a member of St. Patrick's family. Any boy or girl who has made their First Communion, is in the 3rd grade or higher, interested in becoming an Altar Server please contact either the Rectory 267-3622 or Kathy Ridz 267-4069. *Adult Altar Servers are always welcome!*

Parish Stewardship Week Of Aug. 15th:

	ENVELOPES:	$2,199.00
	ASSUMPTION:	534.00
	H.E.L.P:	72.00
	TREE REMOVAL:	25.00
	CHURCH TOWER :	25.00
	CHURCH RESTORATION:	110.00
	Parish Budget:	$3,496.00
	Actual Collection:	2,199.00
	Over/**(Under)** Amount):	**(- 1,297.00)**
Expenses:	Payroll, Monthly Bills, Misc	2,307.36
	Electric (4 Buildings/Light)	486.72
	Total Expenses:	**2,794.08**

Come as a Guest
Leave as a Friend

Friends of Monson Free Library Scrabble Night on the Patio!

Join us for Scrabble on the patio! **This Tuesday, Aug. 24th from 6-8 PM.** All skill levels are invited to join us for a night of playing Scrabble. For teens and adults. Weather permitting.

Used Books Donation Drive

Accepting used adult, young adult and children's books in <u>good condition</u>. (NO textbooks or audio/video/electronic media of any kind please) Donations accepted on these days only!! Bring to Old Library, NOT downstairs!

Saturday, Aug. 28th from 10 AM to 2 PM
Tuesday, Aug. 31st from 10 AM to 6 PM
Wednesday, Sept. 1st from 10 AM to 6 PM
Thursday, Sept. 2nd from 10 AM to 6 PM

Donated books will be sold at the Friends of the Monson Free Library ***Annual Used Books Sale*, Saturday, Sept. 4th from 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.** in the DeSantis Community Room. Adult, young adult and children's books will be $1.00 each per hard-cover and $.50 each per paper-back or bring your own tote bag and fill for $5.00.Proceeds will benefit the Friends of the Monson Free Library.
For inquiries, email friends.monsonfreelibrary@ gmail.com

Mary Farm Annual Picnic

The *Mary Farm Annual Picnic* sponsored by the Apostolate of the Suffering will take place **Sunday, Aug. 29th at 12:30 P.M.** On the Mary Farm grounds 1915 Ware Street, Palmer. Hamburgs, Hotdogs, Side Dishes, Raffles, Bake Sale. Tickets: $8.00 Adult, Children under 12 free, Family of 4 $25.00 Rain or shine. For more information or tickets call 413-283-4529.

Holy Hour for the Success of the Faith on Fire Rally

Please join us **Thursday, Sept. 2nd at 6:30 P.M.** at Sacred Heart Church, 1065 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, for a special *Holy Hour* in preparation for the *Faith on Fire Catholic Rally*. Immediately following *Holy Hour* we will meet with all volunteers in the Parish Center for a quick meeting with your team leaders. Prayer can make all the difference for those who will come, please join us in prayer. Please call Deb Briancesco Pastoral Minister/Faith on Fire Coordinator at 786-8200 ext. 3 with any questions or if you would like to volunteer.

The *Faith on Fire Catholic Charismatic Rally* will be held on the grounds of Sacred Heart Parish, **Friday, Sept. 10th at 6:00 P.M.** (in the church if it rains) The rally is sponsored by the Diocese of Springfield's Catholic Charismatic Renewal and the Hampden West Deanery. The evening will consist of three Praise and Worship Music Ministries, Eucharistic Procession led by Bishop William Byrne, Reconciliation, opportunity for extra prayer under the prayer tent by several Prayer Teams and prayers for healing with the Laying of Hands. Speakers are Bishop William Byrne, Fr. Valentine Nworah, Sister Deirdre Byrne POSC and a lay witness speaker to inspire you. The Faith on Fire Committee, St. Martha's Guild and the Agawam Knights of Columbus will provide food for purchase. Food tent opens at 5:30 P.M. Please bring a lawn chair or blankets for comfortable seating. Any questions call Deb 786-8200 ext. 3.

IMPORTANT!

Covid-19 Guidance

Recently, the Diocese of Springfield released new COVID-19 guidelines in response to the rise of the DELTA Variant. The department of Health of the State of Massachusetts now advises that a fully vaccinated person should wear a mask or a face covering when indoors (and not in your own home), if you have a weakened immune system, or if you are at increased risk for severe disease because of your age or an underlying condition, or if someone in your household has a weakened immune system, is at increased risk for severe disease, or is unvaccinated. Individuals who are not fully vaccinated should continue to wear a mask to help prevent you from spreading COVID-19 to other people. People who show no symptoms of illness may still be able to spread COVID-19.

***Communion from the chalice is still not allowed at this time.**

***Holy Water fonts will remain empty for the time being.**

***Priests, Deacons, and Extraordinary Ministers will still disinfect their hands before and after distributing communion.**

***Masks will be worn by those distributing communion.**

***At the Sign of Peace, parishioners should continue to refrain from shaking hands, other forms of extending the Sign of Peace such as a nod, a smile or a wave are strongly encouraged.**

***As always, it is strongly advised that if you or a family member is not feeling well, please exercise discretion and remain at home.**

Hitchock Academy's Inaugural Golf Tournament

All FORE a good cause!

Saturday, September 18th ~ Best Ball
Shotgun Start at 1:00 P.M.
Heritage Country Club, 85 Sampson Rd., Charlton, MA
Registration includes 18 holes of golf, cart, prizes and steak dinner: $120 / player; Foursome/ $480.
Go to Hitchcockacademy.org to register.

Mass For Essential Workers

Bishop William D. Byrne will celebrate Mass for essential workers at the Forest Park Amphitheater, adjacent to the Barney Estate, **Sunday, Sept. 5th at 10:00 A.M.** The Mass, which will be broadcast live on *"Chalice of Salvation,"* on WWLP-22 News, will recognize and lift up in prayer healthcare workers, first responders, employees of grocery stores, gas stations and other businesses considered essential during the state of emergency in 2020.

Bishop Byrne will also recognize the teachers and staff of Catholic schools in the Springfield Diocese, which welcomed students back for in-person learning in the fall of 2020, when most communities were still remote or hybrid. People are encouraged to bring their own chairs or blankets for seating. Entrance and parking are free.

The Televised Mass will be sponsored by Big Y Supermarkets; Mercy Medical Center in Springfield; the Knights of Columbus Massachusetts State Council; Knights of Columbus Archbishop Williams Assembly, Fourth Degree; and Knights of Columbus Fairview Council 4044.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY
6:00 P.M. Barbara Krochmalnyckyj, req. by
The Krochmalnyckyj Family.
Paul Fusini, req. by
Diane Woolf & Robert Sullivan.

SUNDAY
10:30 A.M. Lorrie Baird, req. by
The Catholic Women's Club.

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

TUESDAY
9:00 A.M. No Service.

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

THURSDAY
9:00 A.M. No Service.

FRIDAY
9:00 A.M. No Service.

SATURDAY
6:00 P.M. Joan Serrenho, req. by
The DiMiranda Family.

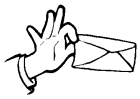
NEXT SUNDAY
10:30 A.M. Joseph DeRoy, req. by
The DiMiranda Family.

Parish Stewardship Week of Aug. 15th:

ENVELOPES:	$2,523.00
ASSUMPTION:	171.00
Parish Budget:	$2,800.00
Actual Collection:	2,523.00
Over/**(Under)** Amount:	**(- 277.00)**

Rectory Closed

The rectory will be closed this Tuesday, Aug. 24th.



Envelopes

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

NAME_____

ADDRESS_____

PHONE NUMBER _____

Flea Market Parking

The next flea market is coming up quickly! We are in need of parkers September 7 - 11. If you can spare any amount of time to help, we would greatly appreciate it! The flea market parking funds go into our Restoration account and provides the funds necessary for many repairs at the church. More volunteers mean less time someone has to spend parking cars. Please consider parking for 2, 3, 4 hours or the whole day. We park cars from 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Please contact the rectory to sign up!

Passing the Basket

We are back to passing the basket during the Offertory. We are in need of volunteers to help with this role on both Saturday and Sunday. If you are able to help, please contact the rectory 245-7274.

CCD Begins on Sunday, September 19th

CCD registration will be ongoing through the month of August during office hours Monday & Wednesday 10:00 AM to 2:30 PM and Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM. The fee remains the same at $20 for one student and $40 for two or more students. **Forms will be available at the rectory and at the entrance to the church.** *If your child is new to the program, please bring a copy of their baptismal certificate for our records.* **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. (Exceptions will apply to those who couldn't attend the 1st and 9th grade class in 2020 due to Covid.)**

Altar Flower Coordinator

"Flowers are the sweetest things God ever made and forgot to put a soul into" -Henry Beecher. Our tabernacle needs fresh flowers! Do you have an hour a week to spare? We have redefined the role of flower coordinator! Do you have a friend who will help? Share the roll! Please contact the rectory for more information! 413-245-7274.

POSTPONED: Bible Study on Parables

Due to the new recommendation from the Diocese concerning mask wearing, *Bible Study on Parables* will be postponed until further notice. It is important to communicate in the Bible Study and it will be difficult with masks on.

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.

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