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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 8:30 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

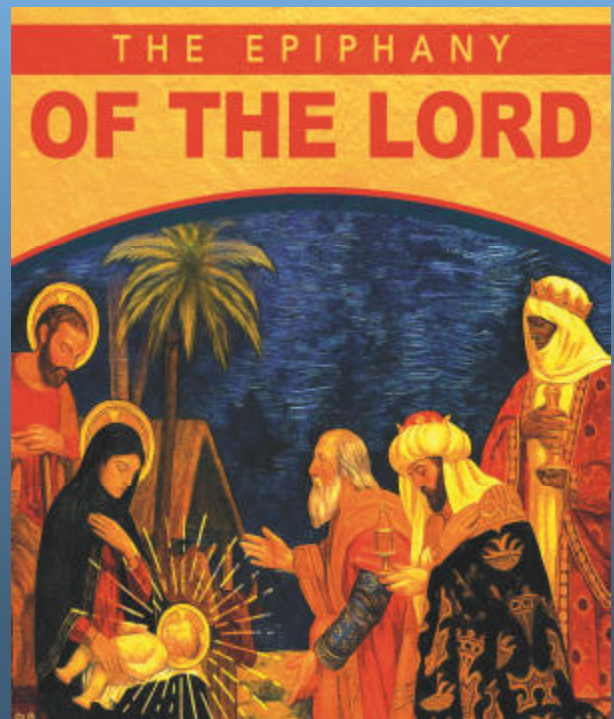
### MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

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!



# Epiphany

OF THE LORD

**SATURDAY**

4:00 P.M. James J. Brennan, 25th Anniv., req. by The Family.  
Susan Bonneville, req. by Laura Corriveau.

**SUNDAY THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

8:30 A.M. Carole Bressette, Birthday, req. by Her Husband and Family.

**MONDAY**

9:00 A.M. No Service.

**TUESDAY**

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

**WEDNESDAY**

9:00 A.M. No Communion Service.

**THURSDAY**

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

**FIRST FRIDAY**

12:00 P.M. (Noon) Exposition.  
6:15 P.M. Benediction, Reposition & Rosary following.  
7:00 P.M. Special Intention, Fredericka Garreffa, req. by Laura Corriveau.  
St. Peregrine Novena.

**SATURDAY**

4:00 P.M. James E. Brennan, req. by Paul & Mary Laflamme.  
Edwin & Lillian Burgiel, req. by Bernie & Muriel.  
John & Angela Hull, req. by The Family.

**NEXT SUNDAY**

8:30 A.M. Dorothy Collins, 5th Anniv., req. by A Friend.



**Cleaning of the Church**

Monthly cleaning of the church will be back on the 2nd Saturday of the month.

We need help, so if you can give us just 1 hour of your time **Saturday, Jan. 8th at 9:00 A.M.** just come. You don't have to sign up or commit to every month, but we do need more people to help.

**Annual Contribution Report**

If you would like to receive a year end summary of contributions for tax purposes, please fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket.

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ENVELOPE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_



**Prayer Shawl Ministry**

The Friends of St. Peregrine Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet **next Wednesday, Jan. 12th at 1:00 P.M.** at the home of Virginia Foster.



**Recent Baptism:**

We welcome into our Parish Family and community through the Sacrament of Baptism:  
**Lorenzo Steven Valentino**



**C.C.D. Classes**

**Attention! No CCD Classes!**

There will be NO CCD Classes for grades 1-10 this Sunday, Jan. 2nd due to the New Year's Holiday. Have a happy and safe New Year. Classes will resume Sunday, Jan. 9th for all grades.

**GRADES 1,2,3,4,5,6** will meet **next Sunday, Jan. 9th from 9:30 A.M. to 10:45 A.M.** in Columbia Hall.

**GRADES 7, 8, 9, 10** will meet **next Sunday, Jan. 9th from 5:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.** in Columbia Hall.



**No Children's Mass**

There will be NO Children's Mass in January. The next Children's Mass will be Sunday, Feb. 6th.



**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.

**Parish Stewardship Week Of Dec. 19th:**



ENVELOPES:	\$1,955.25
H.E.L.P.:	99.00
CHURCH RESTORATION:	311.00
TREE REMOVAL:	5.00
CHURCH TOWER:	40.00
Parish Budget:	\$3,496.00
Actual Collection:	1,955.25
Over/(Under) Amount:	<b>(- 1,540.75)</b>
<b>Expenses:</b> Payroll, Monthly Bills, Misc.	4,899.14
Diocesan Bill (Monthly)	1,623.49
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>6,522.63</b>

Tree Removal: \$5,400.00 - 1,021.00 = \$4,379.00 needed  
Church Tower: \$24,480.00 + 9,800.00 = \$34,280.00  
\$34,280.00 - 23,760.68 = \$10,519.32 needed

**Due to the holiday the collection totals for Dec. 25/26 will be in the next bulletin.**



**.St. Patrick Parish  
Scouts BSA Troop 312  
22 Green Street, Monson**

Scouts BSA is the traditional Scouting experience for youth in the fifth grade through high school. Service, community engagement, leadership skills and character development are important parts of the program as youth lead their own activities and work their way toward earning Scouting's highest rank, Eagle Scouts. If you are interested in joining this new *Scouts BSA Troop* or would like additional information, please contact any one of these leaders:

Committee Chair: Tony Esposito 413-267-9196  
tonye.t312@gmail.com  
Scout Master: Dennies Cuevas-Rivera 787-406-7683  
dcuevas.md@gmail.com  
Charter Organization Rep.: Ellie Matrow 413-267-3489  
ematrow@icloud.com



**Catholic Inspirations  
2022 Calendars  
St. Patrick Church**

The new *Catholic Inspirations 2022 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 Bereavement Committee. You will find them in all of the vestibules of the church and also at the rectory. Enjoy them!!



**Catholics For The Unborn**

Please join Catholics for the Unborn for a *Pro-life Vigil Thursday, Jan. 13th at 10 A.M.* in the Holy Spirit Chapel, St. Michael's Cathedral in Springfield. The vigil begins with Exposition, Recitation of the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet then Adoration. At 12 noon there will be Benediction followed by Daily Mass. Please support our efforts to protect innocent unborn life through prayer. Come for part or the whole vigil. For information call Marilyn at 413-567-6085.



**COVID-19 UPDATES**

Due to many people requesting some clarification regarding COVID-19 directives please see below the updated version:

1. In response to the spread of the Delta variant and the emerging Omicron variant, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health now advises that all residents, regardless of vaccination status, wear a mask or face covering when indoors (and not in your home). The DPH particularly urges this recommendation if you have a weakened immune system, or if you are at increased risk for severe disease because of your age or an underlying medical condition, or if someone in your household has a weakened immune system, is at increased risk for severe disease, or is unvaccinated.
2. Other forms for the Sign of Peace are encouraged such as a smile, nod of the head or a wave. Handshakes are discouraged at this time.
3. Communion from the Chalice is not permitted at this time.
4. Holy Water fonts are to remain empty until further notice.
5. Holy Communion may be taken either on the tongue or in the hand. Those desiring to receive Holy Communion on the tongue should consider being last in line.
6. Priests, deacons and extraordinary ministers of communion **must** Sanitize their hands prior to distributing Holy Communion and **must** wear masks while doing so. Hands must also be sanitized following Holy Communion.
7. Should any parishioner have exposure to COVID-19, that person should be tested **immediately**. **Follow the directives of health care professionals if you are exposed or suspect you are exposed.**



**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 and videos go to [www.yearoftheeucharist.net](http://www.yearoftheeucharist.net)



**Special Collection**

**This Week College of Our Lady of the Elms**

For more than 26 years, our parishioners have stood by and assisted *Elms College* through the diocesan collection. Our beneficence has enabled the College to make a top-rate Catholic education accessible to many in the region. The *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, this weekend Jan. 1 and 2 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. Please be generous and support our local college. Thank you.



**SATURDAY**  
6:00 P.M. James E. Brennan, req. by Tricia Uwazany.

**SUNDAY**  
10:30 A.M. THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD  
James E. Brennan, 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. Shawn McIntyre, 14<sup>th</sup> Anniv., req. by The Grayson McIntyre Family.  
James E. Brennan, req. by The Parish Council.

**NEXT SUNDAY**  
10:30 A.M. Tony Tsantinis (Athens Pizza), req. by St. Christopher's Parish.

**Parish Stewardship Week of Dec. 19th:**



ENVELOPES:	\$2,276.00
CCD:	275.00
Parish Budget:	\$2,800.00
Actual Collection:	2,276.00
Over/(Under) Amount:	(- 524.00)



***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.



***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](mailto:bayers9746@charter.net).



***Help Needed: Videotaping Mass***

Please consider volunteering to tape Sunday Mass! (Taping Saturday night instead is OK too!)

**This is a ministry of volunteers.** It cannot be successful without your help! We are in need of 2 more parishioners to tape. That would have each person taping 1 Mass a month. Please let Chris know if you can help! Thank you!!!



**ATTENTION!! NO CCD**

There will be NO CCD classes **this Sunday, Jan. 2nd** due to the New Year's Holiday. We'll see you in class Sunday, Jan. 9th.

**Grades 1 and 2** will meet from 9:00 A.M. to 10:15 A.M. in the Parish Center.

**Grades 3 & 4, 5 & 6, 7 & 8, and 9** will meet from 9:00 A.M. to 10:15 A.M. in the Church Hall (Lower Church).

**Grade 10** will meet (per their schedule: Jan. 9 & 23) from 9:00 A.M. to 10:15 A.M. in the Parish Center.



***Be a Prayer Partner!***

We have 18 Confirmation students that need our prayers! Please see Chris after Mass or in the Rectory beginning January 2nd to pick a name. This will be anonymous! Write a note of encouragement each week for your Confirmation student and it will be delivered to the student during CCD. (Please don't give your name when writing your notes) Please pray for them daily, too! The Sunday before Confirmation, we will have the Prayer Partners meet their Confirmation student for the first time and have a light breakfast in the Parish Center. Please help make this a memorable time for them!



***Presentation of the Gifts***

Families and friends who have requested Mass Intentions are given the opportunity to present the gifts to Fr. Jack after the offertory is collected. Fr. Jack will come off the altar and at that point the family and/or friends may approach the offertory table at the front of the right-hand pew and present the gifts to him. *If more than one Mass is offered a representative from all parties may present.*



***January Food Bank Donations***

The last donation drop-off to the food bank contained 91 pounds of food! The people the food bank serves are so appreciative of the generosity of St. Christopher's Parishioners! Current needs expressed by the food bank include juices, drinks, and drink mixes. Peanut butter, jelly, fluff, canned meats (tuna, chicken, spam), and pasta and sauce are staples that are always useful to the food bank.



***New Parishioner?***

We see new faces all the time at Mass! If you are new to the area or the parish and would like to register, please take a "Welcome" card at the entrance to the church, fill it out and we'll be in touch to complete the process.

***Annual Contribution Report***

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