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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

Holy Day Masses

As Announced

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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

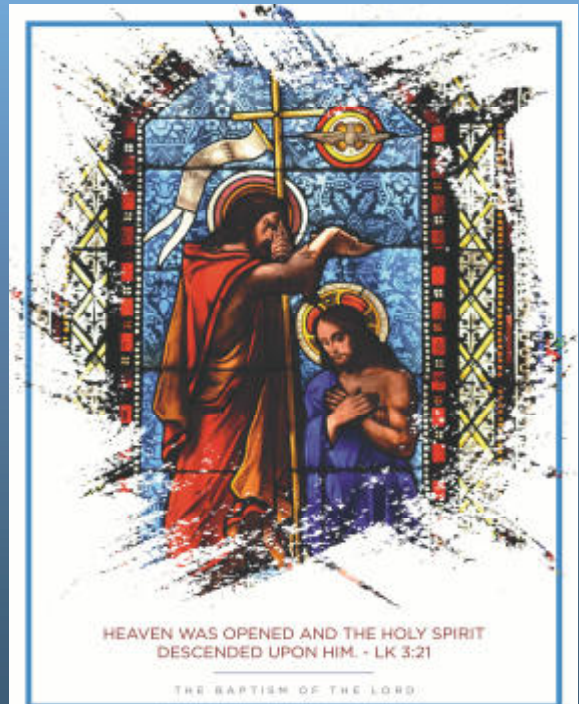
Patron of those with cancer, Aids, and other serious illnesses;
Mass, Novena and Veneration of Relic: Friday at 7:00 PM at
St. Patrick's. Email intentions: StPereg4U@aol.com

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!





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.

SUNDAY BAPTISM OF THE LORD
 8:30 A.M. Dorothy Collins, 5th Anniv., req. by A Friend.

MONDAY
 9:00 A.M. No Service.

TUESDAY
 8:00 A.M. Communion Service.


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


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

FRIDAY
 7:00 P.M. Communion Service/St. Peregrine Novena.

SATURDAY
 4:00 P.M. Rev. John-Louis Pelissier, Anniv., req. by The Family.
 Jane Smart, 25th Anniv., req. by Her Sister Lil & Her Son Darryl.

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

 **PRAY FOR...** *Louise (Pelissier) Droz*
Michael J. LaCroix
Eleanor R. Prybylo

 **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.

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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Prayer Shawl Ministry

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



C.C.D. Classes

GRADES 1,2,3,4,5,6 will meet **this Sunday, Jan. 9th from 9:30 A.M. to 10:45 A.M.** in Columbia Hall. *Grades 1-6 will meet next Sunday, Jan. 16th.*


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



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. 26th:

	ENVELOPES:	\$2,282.00
	H.E.L.P:	107.00
	CHRISTMAS:	4,388.30
	CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:	1,126.00
	CHURCH RESTORATION:	204.00
	TREE REMOVAL:	5.00
	CHURCH TOWER:	120.00
	BETHANY CEMETERY:	550.00
	Parish Budget:	\$3,496.00
	Actual Collection:	2,282.00
	Over/(Under) Amount):	(- 1,214.00)
Expenses:	Payroll, Monthly Bills, Misc.	2,788.96
	Oil (4 Buildings)	2,496.57
	Property Insurance	1,365.00
	Total Expenses:	6,650.53

Total Year to Date Budgeted Collection (26 weeks @ \$3496.00 each): \$90,896.00
Total Year to Date Collections: 67,454.29
Year to Date Budget Over/(Under): (- 23,441.71)

Parish Stewardship Week Of Jan. 2nd:

	ENVELOPES:	\$3,271.00
	H.E.L.P:	120.00
	ELMS COLLEGE:	293.00
	SOLEMNITY OF MARY:	580.00
	CHURCH RESTORATION:	43.00
	Parish Budget:	\$3,496.00
	Actual Collection:	3,271.00
	Over/(Under) Amount):	(- 225.00)
Expenses:	Payroll, Monthly Bills, Misc.	4,999.54
	Electric (4 Buildings/Light)	647.24
	Total Expenses:	5,646.78

Tree Removal: \$5,400.00 - 1,026.00 = \$4,374.00 needed
Church Tower: \$24,480.00 + 9,800.00 = \$34,280.00
\$34,280.00 - 23,880.68 = \$10,399.32 needed



**.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!!



Baptismal Bib

Question:

At my grandson's Baptism, the priest put a bib on the baby. I do not remember seeing this before. Why is this done? Is it something new?

Answer:

When an adult is baptized, there is a part in the ceremony when the newly baptized is vested in a white garment. It is symbolic of the changes that baptism brings in the life of the baptized as they are freed from the bonds of sin and brought into the saving grace of Christ. Realities that are so profound are symbolically presented so that we might better grasp and understand them.

Infants are often dressed in a baptismal dress, which is the baptismal garment. In some places, the bib is used as a kind of baptismal garment. At the place in the ceremony where the investiture takes place, the bib is used. Some are poncho-like and fit over the baby's head. Others are simply placed on the baby's chest. If the baby is dressed in a white garment, nothing else is needed. The prayer says it all: "See in your white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity ... bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven." In baptism, we are given our purpose and goal in life as believers and this is symbolized by the white garment. ©LPi



**March For Life
Springfield 2022
Wednesday, Jan. 19th**

On **Wednesday, Jan. 19th**, area pro-lifers from Pro-Life Pioneer Valley and the Diocese of Springfield will hold a *March for Life*. The *March* activities will include: Mass at 10:00 A.M. at St. Michael's Cathedral, 2360 State Street, Springfield, a walk for life to immediately follow the Mass (app. 11 AM) and lunch will be served in the Bishop Marshall Center immediately following the *March*. For those who are not able to walk, a pro-life rosary will immediately follow the Mass. This *March* is in solidarity with the *National March for Life* held each year in Washington, D.C. Please join us to stand up for the "Right to Life". For more information email prolifepioneervalley@gmail.com.



Year of the Eucharist

"After the happiness of communicating: Rise modestly, return to your place, kneel down and do not immediately take up your book or rosary. What good are the words of men when God is speaking? We must be like someone who is very curious and listens at the door. We must listen to all that the good God says at the door of our hearts." St. John Vianney, *Eucharistic Meditations: 16th Meditation*. For more information and videos go to www.yearoftheeucharist.net



Catholics For The Unborn

Please join Catholics for the Unborn for a *Pro-life Vigil* **this 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 more information call Marilyn at 413-567-6085.



**World Youth Day 2023
Diocese of Springfield**

Registration for the 2023 Diocese of Springfield trip to *World Youth Day* has now opened. Our official pilgrimage to Fatima and Lisbon Portugal for *World Youth Day* will take place **July 28th to August 8th 2023** and is an incredible opportunity for youth and young adults (ages 18-35 in 2023) to encounter Christ with several million youth from around the world who share their faith. For more information, to watch the recording of the Nov. 16th virtual info session, or to register, go to: <https://www.youngandcatholic.org/get-involved/worldyouthday>.

Basic Information about World Youth Day
Dates: 7/28/23 to 8/8/23 Ages: 18-35
Initial deposit to register: \$350
Ticket Cost: \$4,300 (Includes trip to Fatima)
www.youngandCatholic.org

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Baptism OF THE Lord.

SATURDAY
6:00 P.M. Shawn McIntyre, 14th Anniv., req. by
The Grayson McIntyre Family.
James E. Brennan, req. by
The Parish Council.

SUNDAY
10:30 A.M. **BAPTISM OF THE LORD**
Tony Tsantinis (Athens Pizza), req. by
St. Christopher's Parish.
Julie Smith, 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. James E. Brennan, req. by
Harry, Mary, and Paul Peters.

NEXT SUNDAY
10:30 A.M. Jacques Mathieu, req. by
The Catholic Women's Club.
Julie Smith, req. by
St. Christopher's Parish Family.

Parish Stewardship Week of Dec. 26th:



ENVELOPES:	\$2,276.00
CCD:	275.00
CHRISTMAS:	1,988.00
Parish Budget:	\$2,800.00
Actual Collection:	2,276.00
Over/(Under) Amount:	(- 524.00)

Total Year to Date Budgeted Collection

(26 weeks @ \$2800.00 each):	\$72,800.00
Total Year to Date Collections:	54,204.77
Year to Date Budget Over/(Under):	(- 18,595.23)

Parish Stewardship Week of Jan. 2nd:



ENVELOPES:	\$1,968.00
ELMS COLLEGE:	156.00
SOLEMNITY OF MARY:	207.00
Parish Budget:	\$2,800.00
Actual Collection:	1,968.00
Over/(Under) Amount:	(- 832.00)

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.



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!!!



CCD Schedule
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!



January Meetings
The **Knights of Columbus** will meet Tuesday, Jan. 11th at 7:00 P.M. in the Parish Center.
The **Parish Council** will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 19th at 7:00 P.M. in the Parish Center.



God has given everyone a talent ~ can you use it to help your Parish?

If God's given you a talent that you can use to help us out at the Church, please call the Rectory. Our weekly Masses run on volunteers! As the old saying goes, "It takes a village..." It takes a lot of volunteers to keep our church running and we need your help! Do you like to bake/cook? Volunteer to make food for funerals! Do you like to read? Become a Lector! Do you like to clean? We can use help cleaning the Rectory. Are you a numbers person? Volunteer to be part of our Finance Council! There are too many to list. Feel free to drop a note in the offering basket, talk to Chris, or call the Rectory. We will find a fit for you!

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