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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!



## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." - Jn 2:1-3

# MASS INTENTIONS

**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.

**SUNDAY**

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

**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**

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

**FRIDAY**


7:00 P.M. Special Intention, Fredericka Garreffa, req. by Laura Corriveau.  
St. Peregrine Novena.

**SATURDAY**

4:00 P.M. Joan Brothers, Birthday, req. by The Family.  
Doris & Dorothy Collins, Birthday, req. by A Friend.  
Michael Uliana, 11th Anniv., req. by The Family.

**NEXT SUNDAY**

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

 **PRAY FOR...** William Clason



**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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**C.C.D. Classes**

**GRADES 1,2,3,4,5,6** will meet **this Sunday, Jan. 16th from 9:30 A.M. to 10:45 A.M.** in Columbia Hall. Grades 1-6 will meet next Sunday, Jan. 23rd.

**GRADES 7, 8, 9, 10** will meet **next Sunday, Jan. 23rd from 5:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.** in Columbia Hall.



**CCD Storm Cancellations**


As we head into the winter season, in the event of inclement weather, CCD cancellations will be posted on WWLP TV Channel 22.



**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 Jan. 9th:**

	ENVELOPES:	\$3,445.50
	H.E.L.P:	99.00
	CHURCH RESTORATION:	275.00
	CHURCH TOWER:	100.00
	ST. PAULY SHED:	72.66
	Parish Budget:	\$3,496.00
	Actual Collection:	3,445.50
	Over/(Under) Amount):	<b>(- 50.50)</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>	Payroll, Monthly Bills, Misc.	1,770.91
	Snowplowing	1,880.00
	Oil ( 3 Buildings)	1,900.10
	<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>5,551.01</b>

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 - 23,980.68 = \$10,299.32 needed



**Gluten Free Hosts**

For people that have a problem with gluten we now have hosts that only have .002% gluten. If this percentage is no problem please see Fr. Jack before or after mass to tell him you need to receive one of these hosts. They are in a separate ciborium and kept away from the other hosts.



**Remember Our Shut-Ins**

Remember our parishioners, relatives and friends that are in the hospital or nursing homes. They need our prayers. If you or someone you know is at home, cannot go to Mass and would like someone to visit on Sunday with communion please call St. Patrick 267-3622.



**The rectory will be closed this Monday, Jan. 17th in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.**

**RAFFLE**

**St. Patrick's Annual  
Mid Winter Raffle**

St. Patrick's *Annual Mid Winter Raffle* is here again! Tickets have been mailed! Will you be one of the 8 lucky winners? Drawing will be **Saturday, Feb. 26th after the 4:00 P.M. Mass**. Tickets are **\$5.00 each**. 2 prizes at \$500.00, 1 prize at \$300 and 5 prizes at \$100.00. We need a successful raffle to still help pay for the REPAIR OF THE CHURCH TOWER. In the past your support and generosity has been magnificent and is greatly appreciated. Look back at some of the projects: the new electrical service in the church, new tables and chairs, steel safety doors, new stairs and porches, new heating system, handicap ramp, a handicap bathroom on the second level of Columbia Hall, helped to replace the Church handicap ramp, to repair the Church tower windows, rectory driveway and last year the hall parking lot. *Please fill out the ticket stubs, tear off and place the stub with the money in the envelope we have provided and return by mail or during the weekly collections at Mass.* This raffle is open to anyone who wishes to buy a ticket. You do not have to be present to win. If you need more tickets or if you did not receive tickets in the mail and would like to participate please call the rectory 267-3622. **Last years raffle was a success and we hope this year will be too!**



**Engaged Couples**

**PRE-CANA SESSION** for couples planning marriage will be held at St. Patrick's Columbia Hall, 19 Green Street, Monson on **Saturday, Feb. 12th**. Check-in: 8:00 A.M. ~ Mass 4:00 P.M. ~ 5:00 P.M. Cost per couple \$35.00. (Light refreshments, lunch and take-home materials included.) Join us for an enlightening day of relaxing, open, non-judgmental discussion related to these marriage themes: Communication ~ Explosive Issues ~ Our Families ~ Our Hopes & Dreams ~ Intimacy ~ Conflict Resolution ~ Religious Faith ~ Family Planning ~ Financial Matters. Contact couple: Peter & Elizabeth Matrow pmatrow@icloud.com or 413-267-3489

Please contact us to receive a fillable pdf registration form.



**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



**Church in Latin America**

Next week, Jan. 22 & 23 we will be taking up the national collection for the *Church in Latin America*. Although the people are faith-filled, the needs in this region of the world are great and can often seem insurmountable. The distance in rural areas and deteriorated roads make it difficult for some communities to have Mass regularly. Language barriers and lack of resources make catechetical materials difficult to produce. We are called to share our faith with all and this collection is a prophetic and bold way to do so. Please be generous and take this opportunity to share your faith with many families in Latin America and the Caribbean. Your support will make a difference. Thank you.



**March For Life  
Springfield 2022**

**Wednesday, Jan. 19th**

**This 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](mailto:prolifepioneervalley@gmail.com).



**Year of the Eucharist**

"Oh, if men loved You, all the churches would be continually filled with people prostrate on the ground adoring and thanking You and burning with love for You at seeing You with the eyes of faith hidden in the tabernacle. But no; men forgetful of You and of Your love, leave You, O my Lord, abandoned and alone. In flame me with Your love so that from this day forth, I may live only to love and to please You." St. Alphonsus Liguori, *The Holy Eucharist: Octave of Corpus Christi, Meditation I*. For more information and videos go to [www.yearoftheeucharist.net](http://www.yearoftheeucharist.net).



**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](http://www.youngandCatholic.org)

# Mass Intentions

**SATURDAY**  
6:00 P.M. James E. Brennan, req. by Harry, Mary, and Paul Peters.

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

**MONDAY**  
9:00 A.M. No Mass.

**TUESDAY**  
No Service.


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

**THURSDAY**  
No Service.


**FRIDAY**  
No Service


**SATURDAY**  
6:00 P.M. James E. Brennan, req. by Jane and Tony Benedetto. Jacques Mathieu, req. by Harry, Mary, and Paul Peters.

**NEXT SUNDAY**  
10:30 A.M. Louise Droz, req. by The St. Christopher Parish Family.

 **PRAY FOR ...** Jacques Mathieu  
Julie Smith  
Yvonne Walch

**Parish Stewardship Week of Jan. 9th:**

	ENVELOPES:	\$2,611.00
	Parish Budget:	\$2,800.00
	Actual Collection:	2,611.00
	Over/(Under) Amount:	(- 189.00)

 **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). Also, if you would like to receive the **Prayer Line requests** e-mail Barbara and let her know.

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



**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. 23) from 9:00 A.M. to 10:15 A.M. in the Parish Center.



**CCD Storm Cancellations**  
As we head into the winter season, in the event of inclement weather, CCD cancellations will be posted on WWLP TV Channel 22 and WWLP.COM. Please also check our Facebook page.



**Be a Prayer Partner!**  
We have 18 Confirmation students that need our prayers! Please see Chris after Mass or in the Rectory 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 Meeting**  
The **Parish Council** will meet this Wednesday, Jan. 19th at 7:00 P.M. in the Parish Center.



**Stewardship** **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!



**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!!!



**In observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday the Rectory will be closed Monday and there will be no Morning Mass.**

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