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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 ~ Friday 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM

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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!



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free.
- Lk 4:18



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.

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

MONDAY
 9:00 A.M. No Service.

TUESDAY
 8:00 A.M. Communion Service.

WEDNESDAY
 9:00 A.M. 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. Joan Brothers, Birthday, req. by Helen, Michael & Erin McDonald.
 John & Deborah Arooth
 Francine (Arooth) Cavanaugh, req. by Laura Corriveau.
 Robert & Sylvia Coolong, req. by Their Children.

NEXT SUNDAY
 8:30 A.M. Deceased MDC Co-Workers, req. by Madeleine Uliana.
 Nisio, Marie & Michael Uliana, req. by The Family.



Cleaning of the Church

The monthly cleaning of the church is the 2nd Saturday of the month. We need help, so if you can give us just 1 hour of your time **Saturday, Feb. 12th 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. We want to thank the people that came in January.

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.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

ENVELOPE NUMBER _____



C.C.D. Classes

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

GRADES 7, 8, 9, 10 will meet **this 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.



Sunday, Feb. 6th

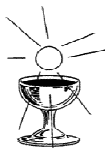
Children's Mass ~ Grades 1-6

There will be a **Special Children's Mass Sunday, Feb. 6th at 8:30 A.M.** All children in Grades 1-6 are asked to meet at Columbia Hall with their class by **8:15 A.M.** so they can go to Church together. They will attend their regular C.C.D. Classes after Mass.

Parish Stewardship Week Of Jan. 16th:

ENVELOPES:	\$2,620.00
H.E.L.P:	155.00
CHURCH RESTORATION:	225.00
CHURCH TOWER:	125.00
Parish Budget:	\$3,496.00
Actual Collection:	2,620.00
Over/(Under) Amount):	(- 876.00)
Expenses: Payroll, Monthly Bills, Misc.	2,912.95
Diocesan Bill	1,623.49
Total Expenses:	4,536.44

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 - 24,105.68 = \$10,174.32 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.

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.

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/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, repair the Church tower windows, rectory driveway, 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. **TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT ST. CHRISTOPHER'S PARISH AFTER MASS.**



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

This week, Jan. 22 & 23 we will be taking up the national collection for the Church in Latin America. This national collection supports many pastoral projects that benefit the faithful in Latin America and the Caribbean. In the mountains of northeastern Colombia on the border with Venezuela, the Diocese of Cucuta has been a migration point for needy Venezuelan refugees coming in search of food, medicine and daily necessities. For several years, the diocese's welcome centers have served more than 1,000 meals each day to hungry migrants. The primary center, at Casa de Paso Divina Providencia, has been addressing the needs of these refugees with diocesan resources as well as assistance from local businesses, charities and parishes. Your contribution not only supports and sustains these invaluable efforts of hospitality and mercy, but also allows you to stand in closer unity with refugees and those serving them. Please be generous and take this opportunity to share your faith with our sisters and brothers in Latin America and the Caribbean. Your support truly makes a difference. Thank you.



Year of the Eucharist

“What man could not utter nor conceive and what he could never have dared to desire ~ that, God in his love has uttered, conceived and executed. Should we ever have dared suggest to God that he should make his Son die for us, that he should give us his Flesh to eat and his Blood to drink? If all that were true, then man would have been able to imagine things that God could not do. He would have gone further than God in the inventions of love, [and] that is impossible.” St. John Vianney, *Eucharistic Meditations: 1st Meditation.* For more information and videos go to www.yearoftheeucharist.net.



**Western Mass Charity
DanceAthon**

Due to the sharp rise in COVID, the Western Mass Charity DanceAthon is cancelled for Feb. 11-12 and re-scheduled for next year. In spite of the cancellation, two grants will be awarded this year from funds raised in anticipation of the 2022 WMCD. “Rick’s Place” will receive a \$10,000 grant for grief support services for youth. “KEVS Foundation” will receive the second grant in the amount of \$2000. Established in memory of 19 year old Kevin Major, the foundation provides free sudden cardiac arrest testing for high school athletes as well as AED units for public places. Anyone interested in donating to the WMCD, you may do so with a check payable to WMCD, PO Box 1413, Westfield, MA 01086. Details of the DanceAthon, its Foundation Board and its mission may be found on its website WMCD.org.



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 _____

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

10:30 A.M. Louise Droz, req. by The St. Christopher Parish Family.
Gertrude Dupuis and her grandson Jason, req. by Her Son.

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

No Service.

WEDNESDAY

9:00 A.M. Communion Service.

THURSDAY

No Service.

FRIDAY

No Service

SATURDAY

6:00 P.M. Frances Kamiel, Birthday, req. by Grayson and Charlotte McIntyre.
Julie Smith, req. by Harry, Mary and Paul Peters.
Theodore W. Kaczyk, 5th Anniv., req. by John and Maryanne Crescenzo

NEXT SUNDAY

10:30 A.M. John Paul Hutcoe, req. by Elisa Hutcoe Krochmalnycky.
Gertrude Dupuis and her grandson Jason, req. by Her Son.

Parish Stewardship Week of Jan. 16th:

ENVELOPES:	\$1,554.00
CCD:	121.00
Parish Budget:	\$2,800.00
Actual Collection:	1,554.00
Over/(Under) Amount:	(- 1,246.00)



Offering Envelopes

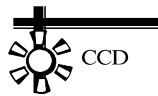
The offering envelopes are on backorder due to a paper shortage. They will be mailed soon. In the meantime, feel free to just use a regular envelope. If using cash, be sure to write your name on the envelope so you may get credit for the donation. Thank you!



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.

**Stay up to date on church news!
Like our Facebook page!**



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.



Children's Mass

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CCD Storm Cancellations

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Prayer Partners NEEDED!

We have 13 Confirmation students that need Prayer Partners! Please see Chris after Mass or in the Rectory to pick a name. This will be anonymous! Write a note of encouragement for your Confirmation student, drop it in the offering basket or bring it to the rectory 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!



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!!!



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.*

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