Saints Patrick & Raphael Parish

Williamstown, Massachusetts

www.williamstowncatholics.org

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Church and center are handicapped accessible.

Parish Staff

Pastor……Rev. John P. McDonagh
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Catechetical Leader & Parish Secretary
……Debbie Cameron
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Organists

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Mass Schedule

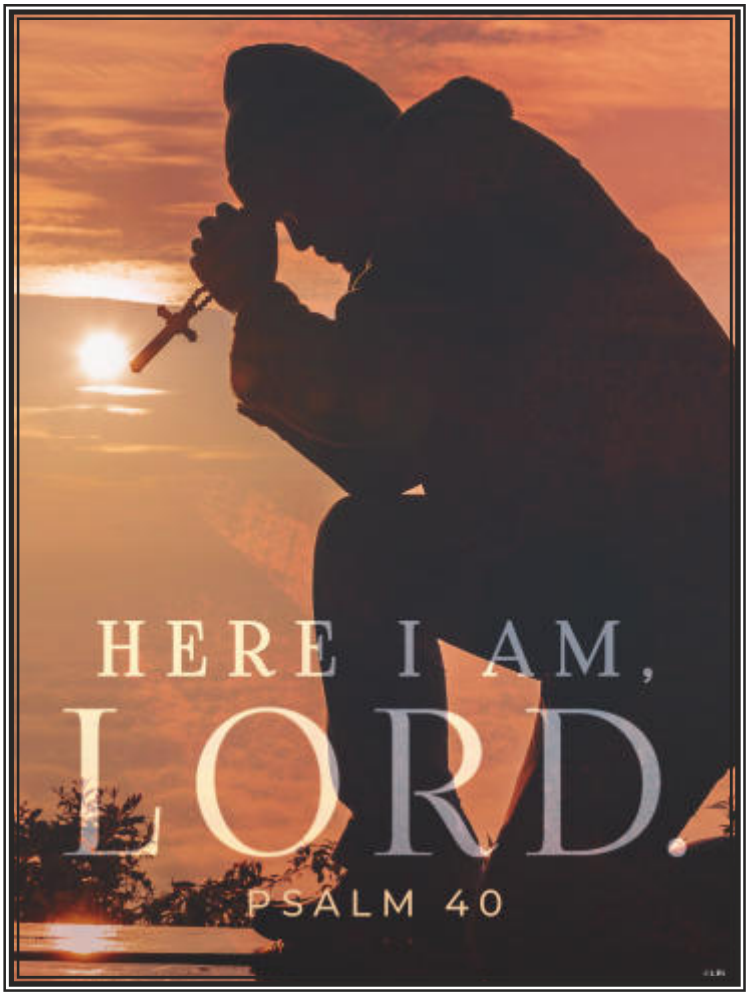
Saturday:……...……4.30pm
Sunday:……..……..8.30am & 10.30am
Weekdays Monday through Thursday……....8.30am
Holy Day Mass:……..…8.30am & 7.00pm
Reconciliation:……..….Saturday 3.00-4.00pm
Adoration:..……....Saturday 3.00-4.00pm

Parish Mission Statement

Affirming our common baptismal call to holiness and discipleship, we at Saints Patrick & Raphael Parish strive to deepen our communion with Christ and His Church. By worshipping God through Word and sacrament, serving our community with God's healing compassion, giving freely what we have received,

January 17, 2021

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time— January 17, 2021

Welcome to all who are visiting this weekend! We hope you feel at home here in the parish.

If you have any news you'd like posted here, births, baptisms, marriages, deaths, prayer requests, etc. please notify the parish secretary.

Low-gluten hosts are available for those who have a gluten allergy. Please notify the priest in the sacristy ***before*** Mass.

Donations ~ Thank You!

Food Pantry: Judith W. Reichert; Jeffrey Uhas & Katherine Heekin; Jeffrey Thomas; Second Congregational Church; John Strachan; J & F Strahan Charitable Foundation; David & Anne Leja; Ronald & Linda Brown; Destination Williamstown; Russell & Christina Howard; Robert & Joann Muir; Robert & Margaret Scrivens

In memory of: Willis Boyer by Gary & Kathleen Thompson; Patricia Chenail; Kevin & Sandralee Hamel; Paul Boyer

In honor of: **Carol DeMayo** by Therese Taft

In honor of: **Fred & Susan Puddester** by John & Nancy Piccirillo

Sts. Patrick & Raphael Parish: In memory of: Willis Boyer by Alfred & Margaret Boyer; Louis & JoAnn Irace; David & Donna Whitcomb; Nancy Bassi

OFFERTORY REPORT

Please note that we now have online giving as an option to support your parish. Please see the enclosed directives to utilize this option.

PARISH COLLECTIONS:	*January 10, 2020*
GENERAL:	$1,180.00
ONLINE DONATIONS:	$613.00
MAIL IN DONATIONS:	$965.00
FUEL:	$305.00
FIRST OFFERING:	$170.25
TOTAL PARISH DONATIONS:	$3,233.25

Thank you for your continued support of our parish., it is greatly appreciated. Your friend in Christ, Fr. John

Candle offerings this week ...

Sanctuary light: In memory Florence Flynn by her family

Blessed Virgin: A birthday remembrance for Florence Flynn by Paul & Dir Giamborino

St. Raphael:

To reserve candles for a particular week, please call the parish office. The suggested offering is ten dollars.

From today's 2nd Reading, 1 Corinthians 6 ~

"Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you...?"

Regardless of the stage or age of life.

Baptism: Call the parish office to schedule. Baptisms normally celebrated on the last Sunday of month, 11.30am

Marriage: Call for an appointment with the priest at least 12 months prior to the wedding date for planning and preparation.

Rosary: Mon-Thu., 8.05am /**Confessions**: Sat., 3-4pm

Eucharistic Adoration – Sat., 3-4pm

Adult Choir Rehearsal, Sunday mornings after the 8.30am Mass in choir loft (9.15am).

RCIA: See pastor if interested in becoming Catholic.

Food Pantry: distribution 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 9am-12pm

Meals Ministry prep & delivery: 2nd Sundays.

Office Hours: Mon.-Thu. 9am-noon and 1-3.00pm Closed holidays, Fridays, and as announced in bulletin.

Membership: Contact the office to join our parish.

To report child sexual abuse by any employee of the Roman Catholic Church call the confidential number at 800.842.9055 or email reportabuse@diospringfield.org.

New Direction - formerly N. Berkshire Pregnancy Center 413.346.4291 or email: info@newdirectionpc.org

Bulletin: Deadline for notices: **Mondays at noon.**

Please remember the Catholic Church in your Last Will and Testament either by a bequest to the Diocese of Springfield or to our Parish, or to both. The legal title for the Diocese of Springfield is ***Roman Catholic Bishop of Springfield, a corporation sole;*** the legal title for our parish is ***Roman Catholic Bishop of Springfield, a corporation sole, for Saints Patrick and Raphael Parish.***

ONLINE GIVING

We now have Online Giving. You can now support your parish by using your debit or credit card or checking or savings account.
1.) visit www.williamstowncatholics.org (our website) to give. 2.) Set up your account. 3.) Choose a payment option and customize your donation.

BULLETIN OPTIONS—YOU CAN NOW GET THE BULLETIN THROUGH YOUR EMAIL EACH WEEK

On our webpage, there is a link to allow you to sign up to get the bulletin weekly through your email. This is an easy way for you to stay current if you are not yet comfortable with attending Mass.

TAPED WEEKEND MASSES

Fr. John will still be taping the weekend Masses for those of you who do not yet feel comfortable attending Mass here at church. It will be the same format—channel 1303 on Sunday morning at 10:30am and you can click on the link on our website as well as on our Facebook page.

LET'S STAY CONNECTED

As many of you know, weekly Masses are being taped here at the Parish. There are several ways for you to access this along with additional information.

It is on our website: **www.williamstowncatholics.org**.

It is on our **FaceBook page**, Sts. Patrick and Raphael Roman Catholic Parish.

The Mass from our church is televised on Willinet on Sunday mornings for Williamstown residents at 10:30am on channel 1303.

Diocesan Information—with the ever changing situation from the Coronavirus, we will try to put all updates on these two sources for you. For diocesan information you can go to **diospringfield.org**

The televised Mass "**Chalice of Salvation**" is broadcast on WXXA, Fox 23 Albany at 6am Sunday.

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO MISSES THE PARISH BULLETIN or WOULD LIKE A CHURCH CALENDAR?

Do you have a neighbor, relative or friend who may not be comfortable coming to church at this point in time and doesn't have internet access? If you do and they would like a bulletin or a calendar, ask them to let us know by calling the office (413.458.4946 x11) or by sending along a note and we will be happy to send one along in the mail. Let us help everyone to stay connected during this unique time.

Parish Council Meeting

Thursday, Jan 28 @ 6 pm on Zoom. Submit agenda items to Jeff Welch, through the Parish Office or Fr. John

Weekday Masses or Saturday Adoration

Some who may not be comfortable at the larger attended weekend Masses, may find the less crowded weekday Masses more relaxing or the silence of Adoration comforting. Why not check it out?

SUMMARY OF THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sat., Jan 16	**3-4pm Adoration & Confessions** (*Confessions are now held in the parish center. Please enter from the parking lot entrance.)* **4:30pm Mass**
Sun., Jan 17	**8:30am & 10:30am Masses**
Mon., Jan 18	**8:30am Mass Martin Luther King Day Office Closed**
Tues., Jan 19	**8.30am Mass**
Wed., Jan 20	**8:30am Communion Service**
Thurs., Jan 21	**8.30am Mass**
Sat., Jan 23	**3-4pm Adoration & Confessions** (*Confessions are now held in the parish center. Please enter from the parking lot entrance.)* **4:30pm Mass**

COVID-19 VACCINE DISTRIBUTION

With the approaching general public stage of the COVID 19 vaccine distribution the Diocese of Springfield has created a special page on www.diospringfield.org with FAQ and other critical information including ethical questions.

There is also a link to upcoming Trinity Health webinars on the vaccine;
http://diospringfield.org/10710-2/ .

A VOCATION VIEW

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

We don't always recognize the voice of God. Spend time in silence regularly to listen to God's voice. God calls, what do you hear? (1 Samuel 3: 3-10). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister, please contact the vocations office at www.myvocation.com or by email at vocations@diospringfield.org .

Nationwide Prayer Vigil for Life, January 28-29

Catholics across the country are encouraged to observe a nationwide prayer vigil from Thursday, January 28 to Friday, January 29, 2021 marking the 48th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's 1973 *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* decisions legalizing abortion through nine months of pregnancy.

The Basilica will not be open to the public for the 2021 vigil due to the coronavirus pandemic. This year, for the first time, in addition to the televised Mass, bishops in dioceses across the country will be taking turns leading live-streamed holy hours every hour on the hour throughout the all-night vigil which will begin with a live broadcast at 8:00 PM on Thursday, January 28 from the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. with a rosary, followed by Mass opening the National Prayer Vigil for Life. The principal celebrant and homilist for the opening Mass will be Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City in Kansas, The vigil concludes at 8:00 AM on Friday, January 29 with Mass celebrated by Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore.

"Now, more than ever, our nation is in need of prayer for the protection of the unborn and the dignity of all human life," said Archbishop Naumann. "I am happy to be joined by bishops in dioceses across the country who are hosting pro-life prayer events, including during the overnight hours of Eucharistic adoration. I invite all Catholics to spend time with Our Lord and join in this nationwide vigil for life."
The schedule of the 2021 National Prayer Vigil for Life is listed below. (All times are in Eastern Time.)

Thursday, January 28:
8:00 PM National Rosary for Life
8:30 PM Opening Mass with Archbishop Naumann
9:45 PM Holy Hour for Life
11:00 PM Live-stream of holy hours throughout the night

Friday, January 29:
8:00 AM Closing Mass with Archbishop Lori

The live television broadcasts on January 28 from 8:00-11:00 PM and on January 29 from 8:00-9:00 AM will be provided by the Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN) and will also be available via live-stream on the Basilica's website. Live-streaming information for the overnight bishop-led holy hours from various dioceses will be provided on the USCCB's website.

OFFICE CLOSED

In observance of Martin Luther King Day, the office will be closed **Monday, January 18, 2021.**

COAT DRIVE

The Williamstown Council on Aging and Northern Berkshire EMS are accepting donations of new or gently used coats from 11.1.20-1.31.21. Donations can be dropped off at ***The Harper Center*, *118 Church Street, Williamstown; *30 Water Street, Williamstown or *10 Harris Street, North Adams. Thank you.***

THIS WEEK'S EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION

Saturday, Jan 16
4.30pm **George J Rossbach,** 31st anniversary remembrance by Paul Dube

Sunday, Jan 17 – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8.30am **Arnold & Elizabeth Imhoff** by Sara Holden

10.30am **Janet Filiault** by Barbara Petro

10.30am **(Willinet Channel 1303 in Williamstown)** **Joan Vincent** by Lorraine Saulnier

Monday, Jan 18
8.30am **Stefania Jacob** by Carole Kalisz McDonagh

Tuesday, Jan 19
8.30am **Sylvia Forastiere** by Fr. John

Wednesday, Jan 20
8.30am **Communion Service**

Thursday, Jan 21
8.30am **Florence N. Flynn** by her family

Saturday, Jan 23
4.30pm **Tommy Quigley,** 1st anniversary remembrance by Nancy McShane

Sunday, Jan 24 – 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8.30am **Henry Kalisz** birthday remembrance, by Carole Kalisz

10.30am **Ricci & Buoni family** by the family

10.30am **(Willinet Channel 1303 in Williamstown)** **Gwen LePage** by her family

MINISTRY OF SERVICE

Date	Time	Lector	Euch. Minister
Streaming Mass			
Thurs			
Jan 21	11.00am	Lynne Blake	
Weekend Masses			
Jan 23	4.30pm	Jo Ann Murch	D Denelli-Hess
Jan 24	8.30am	Geoff King	Gary Rougeau
	10.30am	José Constantine	Al Chrosny

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY 2021

Intention for evangelization—Human fraternity

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

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Diocese of Springfield announces contracting with Stop It Now! to conduct focus groups, surveys with individuals who have been sexually abused

The Independent Task Force on the Response to Sexual Abuse within the Diocese of Springfield announced a contract with Stop It Now!, an internationally recognized sexual abuse prevention organization, to independently create a safe forum for those who have experienced sexual abuse within the Catholic Church to share their experiences and insights.

Stop It Now! will conduct confidential focus groups and surveys. The information will help inform the task force which is charged with providing recommendations to Bishop William Byrne on how to improve the response to sexual abuse allegations in the diocese.

Stop It Now! has no affiliation with the Catholic Church or any other faith community. Stop It Now!, founded by an individual who was sexually abused, has nearly 30 years of experience of working with families and organizations to identify behaviors that pose risks, and educating the public around preventing sexual abuse.

Stop It Now! encourages individuals wishing to participate to reach out through Jan. 25 by calling (413) 587-3502 and leaving a message on a confidential voicemail, providing first name and call-back number, or by email, info@stopitnow.org, subject line 'You Matter.' For more information, visit www.stopitnow.org/youmatter.

Vigil Candles Suggested Offering only $2 to encourage Prayer of Petition

Thanks to the generosity of a parishioner, the price of vigil candles near the painting of the Madonna and Child will be reduced to only $2 during 2021.

In our Catholic tradition, light has significance. Jesus describes himself as "I am the light of the world." (John 8.12) We light a candle before a statue or sacred image of our Lord or of a saint, not to honor the image itself, but whom the image represents. With the light of faith, we petition our Lord in prayer, or petition Mary (or another saint) to pray with us and for us to the Lord.

Lighting vigil lights began at least 1800 years ago when the lights burned in the catacombs as a sign of unity with the martyrs buried in the catacombs. The lights kept "vigil" hence believers called them "vigil lights". The vigil light also conveys our desire to remain before the Lord in prayer even though we may depart the church to continue about our day. The word 'vigil' comes from the Latin 'vigilia" meaning "to keep watch". How? How with light.

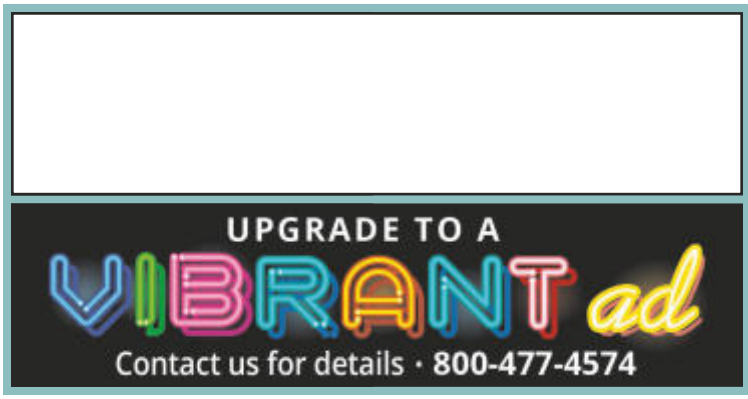
The Vigil Candles are called Votive Candles or "Prayer" candles as well

Because the lit candles maintain the prayer, the candle is also called "votive light". The word "votive" comes from the Latin "votum" meaning "a promise" or "a prayer". The votive candle represents our prayer before God. Lighting a candle, we offer a prayer intention. Lighting the candle visualizes the prayer in our heart.

Telling someone struggling that we lit a votive candle for their intention can bring consolation and peace to them person. Doing so can be a fruitful way to reach out and offer support during the pandemic. And, note that when we light our vigil candle, we are not alone. Other burning candles remind us of others' heartfelt intentions. We can include a prayer for that as well.

If you feel comfortable, please include your candle's intention in the Prayer Book next to the candles by the Madonna painting.

Hail Mary full of grace, pray for us. Amen.



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