

Saints Patrick & Raphael Parish

Williamstown, Massachusetts

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Parish Staff

Pastor Rev. John P. McDonagh
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..... Debbie Cameron
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Lay Leadership

Pastoral Council Chair Jeffrey Welch
Finance Council Chair Tom Gajda
Child Advocate Donna Denelli-Hess

Organists

Michael Dilthey, D. Mu & Christopher Caproni

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Weekdays Monday through Thursday 8:30 a.m.
Holy Day Mass: 8:30 a.m. & 7:00p.m.
Reconciliation: Saturday 3:00-4:00 p.m.
Adoration: Saturday 3:00-4:00 p.m.

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, nurturing our children in faith, and respecting the dignity of all human life, we hope to be a sign of – and invite all people into – God's loving presence in the world.

July 12, 2020
Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time



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Welcome to all who are visiting this week-end! We hope you feel at home in your 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.

Pray for world peace



God Bless America

OFFERTORY REPORT

WEEKEND MASSES HAVE RESUMED -THANKS BE TO GOD! PLEASE NOTE THAT WE NOW HAVE ONLINE GIVING AS AN OPTION TO SUPPORT YOUR PARISH. PLEASE SEE THE ENCLOSED DIRECTIVES ON HOW TO UTILIZE THIS OPTION.

PARISH COLLECTIONS: JUNE 28
GENERAL \$2,237.00

DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS:
PETER'S PENCE: \$147.00

Thank you for your heartwarming and generous support. It is greatly appreciated. Your friend in Christ, Fr. John.

DONATIONS ~ THANK YOU!

Food Pantry: Steven Fogel; Henry & Meg Pierpan;

In memory of: Esther DeMayo, by Arlene Armata

HAVE YOU
PRAYED TODAY?



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REGISTRATION FOR ST. STAN'S SCHOOL

St. Stanislaus Kostka School is now accepting applications for Preschool through grade 8 for the 2020-2021 school year. Registration forms can be found on the website: www.ststansadams.org Please feel free to contact the school with any questions at 413-743-1091 or saintstans2014@gmail.com.



Candle offerings this week are given to the Glory of God and...

Sanctuary light: In memory of Renzie W. Lamb by his family

Blessed Virgin: In memory of Florence N. Flynn by her family

St. Raphael:

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



From today's Gospel, Matt 13 ~

"The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches chokes the word and it bears no fruit."

Even though science tells us that each conception is unrepeatable many retreat into silence when it's one and only chance for existence is threatened.

EXPECTING A BABY?

Expectant parents can enroll now for a Baptism Preparation session prior to their child's birth. Let the parish office know so that we can send you information on the important role parents undertake in being the "first teachers" of their child's Catholic faith. We will also provide information and requirements for the selection of an appropriate Godparent. Contact the parish office for more information.

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, 1-3pm

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.**

PARISH INFORMATION

ONLINE GIVING

IT'S SAFE. IT'S SIMPLE. IT'S CONVENIENT

PLEASE NOTE: 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.

It's that easy!

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.

Please go to our website: www.williamstowncatholics.org.

Please go to 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.

Readings for the week of July 12, 2020

Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

Monday: Is 1:10-17/Ps 50/Mt 10:34—11:1

Tuesday: Is 7:1-9/Ps 48/Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94/Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102/Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10/Mt 12:14-21

Next Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 [5a]/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

Observances for the week of July 12, 2020

Sunday: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Henry

Tuesday: St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

Wednesday: St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Thursday: Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Next Sunday: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time ©LPi



ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2020

*"FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU," DECLARES THE LORD,
"PLANS TO PROSPER YOU AND NOT FOR WOE, SO AS TO GIVE YOU A
FUTURE OF HOPE."*

To date the parish of Saints Patrick & Raphael has had 74 donors give \$12,613.00. The amount raised in 2019 was \$13,810.00!

Thank you for helping our church be there for others!

SUMMARY OF THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

<u>Sat., July 11</u>	3-4pm Confessions on the rectory porch 4:30pm Mass
<u>Sun., July 12</u>	8:30am & 10:30am Masses
<u>Mon., July 13</u>	8:30am Mass
<u>Wed., July 15</u>	8:30am Communion Service
<u>Sat., July 18</u>	3-4pm Confessions on the rectory porch 4:30pm Mass

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

"an addict, any addict, can stop using drugs, lose the desire to use, and find a new way to live." Help is available for anyone with a drug problem. Support groups and other resources are available for addicts and their families. Call your local NA Hotline—Berkshire County: 413-443-4377 or www.berkshirena.org. Bennington County: 802-773-5575 or www.gmana.org.



A VOCATION VIEW

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Let everyone heed what they hear." Is the Lord inviting you to know, love and serve Him more closely in the priesthood or consecrated life? If you think you are being called please contact the Vocations Office by email vocations@diospringfield.org or Website: www.myvocation.com.



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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Using the best seeds doesn't always guarantee the best plants. An older Italian gentleman straight from Italy gave me these amazing tomato seeds that he claimed

produced the best tomatoes ever grown. Without doubt, the fruit he shared with me was a testament to that fact. These tomatoes were amazing! I couldn't wait until the next growing season to plant these seeds and harvest my own tomatoes. The whole experiment ended up a failure. I did everything the gentleman said, but my fruit didn't even come close. What happened? At first I was perplexed, then some years later the light dawned. The problem wasn't the seeds, it was the soil!

You cannot sow seeds in any old place and in a haphazard way and expect them to be at their best. It doesn't work that way. Planting the seeds is the easiest part. Preparing the soil is the challenge. Tilling, mulching, enriching, and building up the nutrients are all required for good fruit. Then after the seeds are planted, more care is required in order to maintain that healthy, nutrient rich environment for those seeds to sprout, grow, and flourish. God happily sows the seeds of his Word. What do we do with them?

If we expect to be a passive bystander and have good fruit magically grow, we are mistaken. Bearing the good fruit of God's Word requires preparation and work. We have to cultivate the soil of our lives so that those seeds can find a proper home. This one thing alone takes a great deal of patience, time, and effort. What kind of preparation have we put into our lives so that we can be a recipient of God's seed? It takes a great deal of soul-searching and ego-checking to properly prepare. God is the ever faithful and persistent sower. If the seeds do not bear fruit the first time, God will come back time and time again, giving it another try.

If we have created a suitable bed for sowing, then once the seed is sown, we must properly maintain them. What is our maintenance plan for the seeds of God's Word? We need not only a source for water but a watering schedule. We need to weed, aerate the soil, nurture the young plants, protect them, and provide proper nutrients. What does our spiritual maintenance plan look like? If we have done all things well, imagine what the seeds of God's Word could produce in us!

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THIS WEEK'S EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION

Saturday, July 11
4:30pm **John Holden**, 1st anniversary remembrance, by Lorraine Saulnier

Sunday, July 12—15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30am **Paul St. Pierre**, 5th anniversary remembrance by Robert & Barbara St. Pierre

10:30am
10:30am (Streaming Mass)

Monday, July 13
8:30am **Amber Baker**, 4th anniversary remembrance, by her family

Tuesday, July 14
8:30am **Florence N. Flynn**, by her family

Wednesday, July 15
8:30am **Communion Service**

Thursday, July 16
8:30am **Patti Brundage & the Brundage family**, by the family

Saturday, July 18
4:30pm **Thomas & Leona McShane**, by Nancy McShane

Sunday, July 19—16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30am **Admiral Fields**, birthday remembrance, by Dan & Caroline Horan
10:30am **Bernice C. Rooney**, by Armand & Betty Senay
10:30am (Streaming Mass)
Rudy Picken by Tom & Sally Kivney

MINISTRY OF SERVICE

Date	Time	Lector	Euch. Minister
July 18	4:30pm	John Buoni	D. Denelli-Hess
July 19	8:30am	Geoff King	Carole Kalisz
	10:30am	Brittany Hanlon	Jack Miller

TAG SALE

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions that are still in place regarding church activities and the fact that we are not allowed public use of our buildings, it has been decided that we will take the year off for the Tag Sale. Please remember, **IT IS ONLY FOR THIS YEAR!** Let us continue to pray for an end to this pandemic we are living through and for each other while we plan for a great event in 2021!



15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



STREAMING MASS INTENTIONS

Now that the church has reopened and we continue to stream the Sunday Mass, there is a spot open for Mass intentions for that streaming Mass. If you would like to remember a loved one in this way, please call the rectory at 413-458-4946 x11 and we would be happy to do that for you. **DON'T FORGET** that we do have our regular weekend as well as weekday Masses available as well. What a nice way to honor / remember special people in our lives.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JULY 2020

Our Families

We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.





Jean-Francois Millet (French, 1824-1875) - The Sower - 1850)

ST. STAN'S SCHOOL AMAZON SMILE PROGRAM

You can now support St. Stan's School by shopping on Amazon! Please see details below on how to set up your account. Amazon Smile Set-up Instructions

- 1.) In your internet browser go to smile.amazon.com and log in using your Amazon credentials.
- 2.) After signing in, you will be directed to the "select your charitable organization" page.
- 3.) Under the heading "Or pick your own charitable organization" search for St. Stanislaus Kostka School.
- 4.) Click "Select" St. Stanislaus Kostka School in Adams MA.
- 5.) Click "YES" I understand that I must always start at smile.amazon.com to support St Stanislaus Kostka School.
- 6.) You are DONE! Start Shopping! Just remember to always log in to Amazon through Amazon Smile!

Thank you for supporting our school!

What is spiritual communion

Spiritual communion is the practice of desiring union with Jesus? Christ in the holy Eucharist. It is used primarily by individuals who cannot receive holy Communion, such as the ill, the divorced and remarried and those who have not yet been received into full communion with the Church. St. Thomas Aquinas described it as "an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the most holy sacrament and lovingly embrace Him" at a time or in circumstances when we cannot receive him in sacramental Communion

Act of spiritual communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most holy sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. AMEN

Saints have encouraged spiritual Communion: "Communion is to the soul like blowing a fire that is beginning to go out, but that has still plenty of hot embers; we blow, and the fire burns again." After the reception of the sacraments, when we feel ourselves slacken in the love of God, let us have recourse at once to spiritual Communion. When we cannot go to the church, let us turn towards the tabernacle; no wall cannot separate us from the good God." St. John Vianny Spiritual Communion is "an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacrament and a loving embrace as though we had already received Him." ST. THOMAS AQUINAS "What a source of grace there is in spiritual Communion! Practice it frequently and you'll have more presence of God and closer union with Him in your life." St. Josemaria Escriva

N BERKSHIRE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Northern Berkshire Habitat for Humanity is now accepting applications for families to live in the next affordable home that will be built in Williamstown, MA. **To qualify, applicants must:**

*Be living in housing that is unsafe, over-crowded or an unsound structure or paying 50% of income in housing costs.

*Applicants must be willing to work in partnership with Habitat in a variety of ways.

Applicants must meet Habitat's financial requirements for homeownership:

* Stable and adequate source of income that falls within Habitat's acceptable limits; *Low debt load; *Positive credit rating

Please call the office at 413-664-4440 to request an application. If the answering machine is reached, please leave a phone number and mailing address or email us at nbhabitat@msn.com. The deadline is **August 24, 2020**.