

3rd Sunday of Lent March 7, 2010

Date	Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
Mar. 13	4:30 p.m.	Frank & Andrew Rickus	Marlene Dube	Deacon Ryan
Mar. 14	8:30 a.m.	Jake Whalen, Katherine Chenail	Karyn O'Toole	Robert Delisle, Ed Luczynski
	10:30 a.m.	Brett & Michael McCormack	Ed Filiault	Mark Sprague, Sandra King

CELEBRATIONS OF EUCHARIST & SERVICES THIS WEEK

Day	Date	Time	Mass Intention or Service
Sat.	Mar. 6	3-4 p.m.	Reconciliation (Penance/Confession)
		4:30 p.m.	Doris Mazza, by Willis & Claire Boyer
Sun.	Mar. 7	8:30 a.m.	Doris Mazza, by Bob & Barb St.Pierre, and Pro Populo
		10:30 a.m.	Anne Dignon, by Henry & Carole Kalisz
Mon.	Mar. 8	8:30 a.m.	Bob Jones, by Ebbie & Jim Eglin
Tue.	Mar. 9	8:30 a.m.	Mary Hanlon, by Patricia Lapan
		12-1 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration
		2:30 p.m.	Mass at Sweet Brook Care Center
Wed.	Mar. 10	8:30 a.m.	Helen Chouinard, by Henry & Carol Kalisz
		6-7 p.m.	Reconciliation (Penance/Confession)
		7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Thu.	Mar. 11	8:30a.m.	Jeanne Schwab, by Jim & Ebbie Eglin
		12:10 p.m.	Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Fri.	Mar. 12	8:30 a.m.	Communion Service
Sat.	Mar. 13	3-4 p.m.	Reconciliation (Penance/Confession)
		4:30 p.m.	Catherine T. Rooney, birthday remembrance, by Bernice C. Rooney
Sun.	Mar. 14	8:30 a.m.	Michael Radiewicz, by the Naley family
		10:30 a.m.	Pro Populo

Pro Populo = for the people

Adult Choir Rehearsal, Tuesdays 7pm.
Bell Choir Rehearsal Wednesdays 7:00pm.

OFFERTORY REPORT

Loose Cash:	\$252.00
Envelopes:	
Total:	
Add'l Black & Indian Missions:	\$100.00

Totals not available at time of earlier bulletin printing, due to holidays.

RCIA: (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) Contact the parish office if you are interested in becoming Catholic.

Food Pantry: distribution 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 1-3pm.

Parish Membership: contact parish office to register.

Office Hours: M-F 8am-noon and 1-4:30pm. (Closed Fridays from Memorial Day through Labor Day). Closed holidays, and closed second Tuesdays 9:30-10:30a.m. for staff meetings.

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

Rosary for Peace and Special Intentions: Sunday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the church.

The **Rosary** is prayed Weekdays at 8:05a.m. before Mass.

Chaplet of Divine Mercy: Thursdays at 12:10 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesdays noon to 1pm.

Bulletin: Deadline for notices: Wednesday, 9:00a.m.



Baptism or Marriage: call the parish office to schedule.
Baptisms celebrated on the last Sunday of the month .

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.**

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43 Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9 Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28 Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10 Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6 Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10:12 2 Cor 5:17-21

Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

OUR PARISH FAMILY

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all, parishioners and visitors, who are here with us.

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

Pray for world peace. God bless America! ☐

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

Sun., Mar. 7, classes grades 7-10, 7-8:30pm

Mon., Mar. 8, classes grades 1-6, 3:05-4:30pm

Mon., Mar. 15, classes grades 1-6, 3:05-4:30pm

WEEKEND MEALS MINISTRY & COFFEE HOUR

Volunteers will be preparing and delivering meals next **Sunday, March 14th.** If you know of someone needing a meal please stop in that morning, or contact the parish office during the week. They will also be hosting a coffee hour after both morning masses. Please join us!



The candle offerings this week are given to the Glory of God and

Sanctuary light: In memory of Dolly and John Richard, by the family.

Blessed Virgin: In memory of Sharon Giuliani, by the Allard family.

St. Joseph: In memory of Joseph Brewer, by Ruth and family.

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

2009 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Please call Pauline at the parish office if you would like a copy of your 2009 contribution statement, call 458-4946, ext. 11. We can mail it or you may pick it up if you prefer.

DONATIONS ~ THANK YOU

Food Pantry: In memory of Mary Healey, by John & Jane Allen. In memory of Ed Trudeau, by James & Jennifer Jayko.

CAN YOU HELP?



Needed: a couple of adult helping hands to assist during the family mass – the 4th Sunday of each month during the 10:30am Mass when children go up front for the homily and on the altar. Anyone willing to help to make the 4th Sunday of each month a special time for the children and families please contact Sandra King 458-2429.

PASTOR'S CORNER:

Dear Parishioners,

I just wanted to take this opportunity to inform you of a new blessing for us here at Sts. Patrick & Raphael Parish. As of March 22nd we will have a new part-time maintenance man and his name is Christopher Vince. He is a wonderful gentleman who comes highly recommended by many people in our community and I believe that he will be a nice addition to our parish family. Chris is a former altar server and an Eagle Scout. He possesses the desire and the ambition to care for our parish in the way that is proper and loving. I am very happy to welcome him in our midst and I kindly ask that you offer him a warm welcome when you see him with us. I hope that your Lent continues to be filled with a deep sense of prayer and holiness. May God bless you always and in all ways.

Your friend in Christ,
Fr. Wayne

OPERATION RICE BOWL

Today we hear the call of Moses to lead his people from oppression to freedom. God promises to be with them as they journey to a new life. Our participation in Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl unites us in prayer, fasting, and giving with the millions of people throughout the world who are oppressed by poverty, injustice, war, disease, and lack of education and other

opportunities. Rice Bowl containers are available in the vestibule. There is also a Rice Bowl envelope in your monthly packet.

SOUP AND MOVIE NIGHT

This **Saturday, March 6th**, immediately following the 4:30 Mass. “*Millions*” (PG) – story of a 7 year old who finds a bag of Pounds with a few days to spend before the currency is switched to Euros. What does he do???

Next **Saturday, March 13th** the movie is “*The Five People You Meet in Heaven*”, film by Mitch Album. When a man awakens in the afterlife, he encounters five people with ties to his corporeal existence who help him understand the meaning of his life. (not rated).

Saturday, March 20 “Evan Almighty” (G)
Featured soup makers: Isabella’s, ‘6 House Pub, Taylor’s, Deacon Frank Ryan.
Bread baked by the A-Frame bakery.
It’s fun – it’s delicious – it’s free!
Hope you can join us. ☺

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

To date, Saints Patrick and Raphael Parish has seen a 15% rate of participation with the *Annual Catholic Appeal*. Our goal is to achieve 100% participation for our parish. Please help us reach this goal! Every donation, no matter how large or small is important to the work of the agencies of the ACA.

A LETTER FROM BISHOP McDONNELL:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Soon our diocese will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. This important Collection not only provides for our marginalized, impoverished, and vulnerable brothers and sisters all over the world—it does much more. This Collection gives hope to Jesus in disguise.

As the recent efforts of Catholic Relief Services in Haiti show, Catholic Relief Services is one of the most effective relief agencies in the face of disaster. And, in addition to its emergency response, it gives hope to the community that has lost its livelihood. It gives hope to the refugee child, separated from her mother. It gives hope to the immigrant, trying to keep faith alive in a foreign land. The Catholic Relief Services Collection helps to fund programs that give hope to refugees, the impoverished, and immigrants, including victims of war, natural disaster, and drought. These programs aid victims of natural disasters and armed conflict; provide agricultural assistance, water programs, and health care; resettle refugees and immigrants to the United States; help alleviate poverty in developing countries; provide legal support services for poor immigrants; and advocate for policies and programs that promote global justice and peace. Through these humanitarian, economic, pastoral, and

advocacy efforts, The Catholic Relief Services Collection gives hope. I invite you, too, to **give hope to Jesus in disguise.**

In our diocese, The **Catholic Relief Services Collection** is scheduled for **March 14th**. Please know that your generosity gives hope to Jesus in disguise. You can visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections for more information about The Catholic Relief Services Collection.

In Christ,
Most Rev. Timothy A.
McDonnell
Bishop of Springfield

8TH ANNUAL CATHOLIC MEN’S CONFERENCE

Bishop McDonnell invites all men of the diocese to participate in this years Men’s Conference held at Cathedral High School on **Saturday, March 13th**. In addition to Raymond Arroyo of EWTN and the co-owner of the Chicago Bears Patrick McCaskey we will have Michael Priesler thought to be one of the last living Catholic survivors of Auschwitz. Having been in a concentration camp for 2 ½ years he has an amazing story of survival and faith. All young people ages 16 and up are welcome to come. Brochures are available at the doors of the church. For more information call 413-452-0811 or check out the website at www.diospringfield.org/mensconf.html



BRUNCH WITH JOHNETTE BENKOVIC

A special brunch with EWTN’s Johnette Benkovic will be held **Sunday, April 18** at Berkshire Hills Country Club at 11 a.m. This event is part of a very spiritual weekend where Johnette will be speaking at the Catholic Women’s Conference on April 17 at Cathedral High School in Springfield. She will bring a different talk but her same enthusiastic self to the Berkshires. Tickets are limited. Call 413-452-0535 or log onto www.diospringfield.org/womensconf.html.



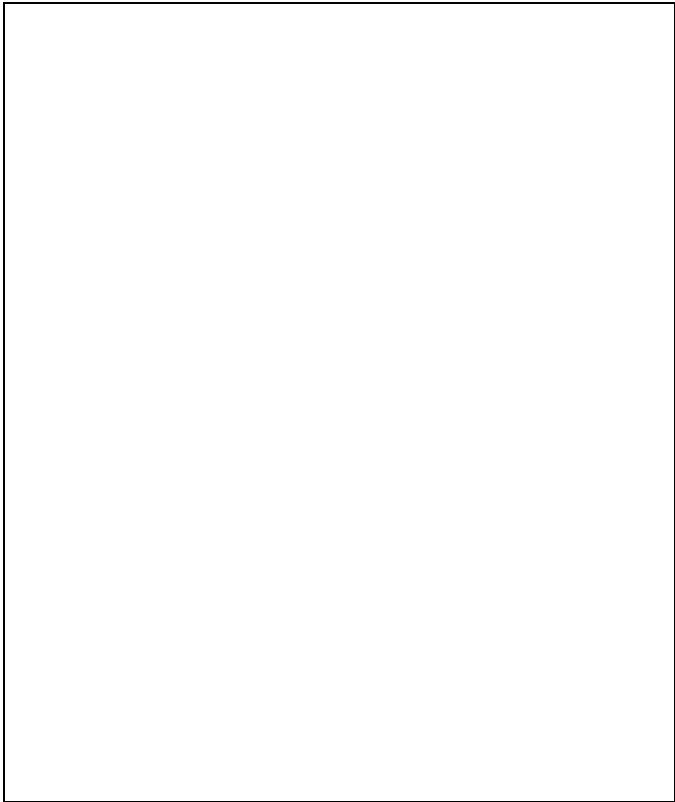
Don’t forget...
...to turn your clocks ahead

1 hour before you go to bed next **Saturday, March 13th!!** Spring is just around the corner ☺



4th ANNUAL SOUP FEST

Sponsored by the Civitan Club of Pittsfield. Come taste the best soups in Berkshire County – over 25 varieties of soup to sample. **March 19** from 5:30pm-8:00pm at the Berkshire Hills country Club, 500 Benedict Rd., Pittsfield. All proceeds to benefit local food pantries and soup kitchens. There will be music, appetizers, raffles and more! \$20.00 donation – tickets available at the door.



SUMMARY OF THIS WEEK’S ACTIVITIES

Sat. Mar. 6, Soup & Movie “*Millions*” 5:30pm
Sun., Mar. 7, Rel. Ed., grades 7-10, 7-8:30pm
Mon., Mar. 8, Rel. Ed., grades 1-6, 3:05-4:30pm
Tue., Mar. 9, Staff meeting 9:30-10:30am
Tue., Mar. 9, Eucharistic Adoration, noon-1pm
Tue., Mar. 9, Mass at Sweet Brook, 2:30pm
Wed., Mar. 10, Confessions, 6-7pm
Wed., Mar. 10, Stations of the Cross, 7:00pm
Thu., Mar. 11, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, 12:10pm
Sat., Mar. 13, Soup & Movie “*The Five People You Meet in Heaven*” following the 4:30pm Mass
Sun., Mar. 14, Meals Ministry and Coffee Hour after both morning masses.



**Saints Patrick & Raphael Parish
Williamstown Massachusetts**

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.

**Rev. Wayne C. Biernat, Pastor
Rev. Mr. Frank Ryan, Deacon
Sts. Patrick & Raphael Parish**

Church:.....63 Southworth Street
Parish Center:.....53 Southworth Street
Parish Office & Rectory.....54 Southworth Street
Mailing Address:.....54 Southworth Street

.....Williamstown MA 01267-2414
 Phone:.....413-458-4946, ext. 11 for priest or secretary
Ext. 3 for mass times only
 FAX.....413-458-4954
 Email:.....saintspatrickandraphael@gmail.com
 Web site:..... www.williamstowncatholics.org
Church and center are handicapped accessible.

Staff:

Parish Secretary.....Pauline McNicol
Parish Accountant.....Linda Ludwig
Religious Education Coordinator.....Debbie Cameron

Music DirectorCatherine Schane-Lydon

Mass Schedule	
Saturday:	4:30 p.m.
Sunday:	8:30 a.m.
	10:30 a.m.
Weekday Masses:	8:30 a.m.
	Monday through Thursday
Communion Service:	8:30 a.m. Fridays
Holy Day Vigil Mass:	7:00 p.m.
Holy Day Mass:	8:30 a.m.
Confession/Reconciliation:	Saturday 3:00-4:00 p.m.
Changes noted in bulletin	

Parish Office hours: Monday through Friday 8a.m. – 12noon and 1:00p.m. –4:30 p.m. (Note: office is closed Fridays from Memorial Day through Labor Day, legal holidays, and other days as may be announced).

Parish Center and Religious Education Office:
 53 Southworth St., 413-458-5443.

Parish Membership: contact parish office if you would like to register as a parish member.

Interested in becoming Catholic? Please call the parish office.

Pregnancy Counseling: Liferight, N.Adams, 664-4106.

Sick Calls: Notify pastor in case of serious illness or sudden death. Hospital Visits: because of new privacy laws, if you or a family member would like a hospital visit from the priest the patient or family member must notify parish office.

Religious Education Classes: Grades 1—11. Schedules sent to registered families and posted in bulletin.

Baptism – Diocesan guidelines require parents (who must be registered members of Saints Patrick and Raphael Parish) and godparents (if they live close enough) to meet with the pastor and renew their understanding of the Sacrament. It is highly recommended that parents contact the rectory before the

baby arrives to avoid delays that can be caused by having to obtain the services of a babysitter.

Marriage – Diocesan guidelines ask couples to enter a one-year period of preparation for the Sacrament of marriage. This is not unrealistic since many of the arrangements for a wedding take at least a year if not longer. Many couples engage their hall a year before the wedding and contact the Pastor two or three months before the wedding only to find they have a hall but not a church. Don't be caught short. Take plenty of time to do the Pre-Cana course, the communications assessment and the paper work required.

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Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesdays 12noon-1pm.

Adult choir rehearsals Tuesdays 7pm..

and Hand Bell choir rehearsals Wednesdays at 6:30pm in the church loft.

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