

## ST. ANN CHURCH, LENOX



Saturday	Dec.	12	4:00 p.m.	<i>Anna Mae Johnson, 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary, req. by Virginia Butler Smith</i>
Sunday	Dec.	13	9:45 a.m.	<i>Jim Nolan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary, req. by the Cleary Family</i>
			11:15 a.m.	<i>Marjorie Dunn, req. by family</i>
Monday	Dec.	14	7:00 a.m.	<i>Mass for the People of St. Ann, St. Vincent de Paul and St. Patrick parishes</i>
Tuesday	Dec.	15	7:00 a.m.	<i>William Dinan, req. by his family</i>
Wednesday	Dec.	16	7:00 a.m.	<i>Mary Curran, req. by the Dinan family</i>
Thursday	Dec.	17	7:00 a.m.	<i>Communion Service with Deacon George Keator</i>
Friday	Dec.	18	7:00 a.m.	<i>Margaret O'Brien Colt, 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary, req. by Tom &amp; Lorita Bosworth</i>
Saturday	Dec.	19	4:00 p.m.	<i>Fred and Helen Boldway, req. by Marge and Ed Daley</i>
			5:30 p.m.	<i>St. Vincent de Paul ~ The Macbeth &amp; Rivers families</i>
Sunday	Dec.	20	8:00 a.m.	<i>St. Patrick's Church ~ Daniel House</i>
			9:45 a.m.	<i>Clifton DeBlois, req. by the DeBlois family</i>
			11:15 a.m.	<i>Dominick Anzivino, req. by Pat and Larry Anzivino</i>

*The flowers on our altar are in loving memory of Françoise Nunnallé (1937-2007)*

Please pray for the sick.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

**GRADES 1-5: Mon., Dec. 14 - 3:15-4:15 p.m.** at Morris Elementary. The 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> graders will have the opportunity to go to confession this day. Please help them prepare.

**GRADES 6-10: Sun., Dec. 13, 6:30-7:30 p.m.** at LMMHS.

All middle and high school students will meet at St. Ann Church for the mandatory Advent Penance Service on Sunday, Dec. 20. All parents and siblings are invited to go to reconciliation that evening. Please consider making this a family event. Thank you.

**The Sacrament of Confirmation** will be celebrated at 2 p.m. today, (Sunday, Dec. 13) at St. Vincent de Paul Parish. Retired Aux. Bishop George Rueger will be conferring the sacrament. All are welcome to pray with and for our young people. Please feel free to join us. Thank you!

### ADVENT ANGEL GIFTS

Please remember to bring in your gifts for your Advent Angel. The present should be UNWRAPPED, with the angel attached and returned to St. Ann's by Sunday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

**Friday Fitness Class:** There is one more fitness class left on Dec. 18. Please feel free to drop in and try this class. Since the response has been so great, the classes will continue on into 2010. Class will run every Friday morning from 9:30 to 10:20 in the Family Center, with the exception of the first Friday of the month. A donation of \$5 is all that is asked, but if this is a hardship, any donation will be gladly accepted. Plan on joining us as the new year starts, on Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>. Questions: Dianne at 637-2684. Let's make 2010 a healthy one!

### ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

*Collection Summary for Week 21*

*For Collection on Dec. 6, 2009*

Amount Collected for weekly parish support: **\$ 6,947.00\***

\*This includes \$275 for Monthly Grounds

Amount collected this fiscal year to-date **\$126,182.00**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

### Weekly Envelopes:

This weekend: Regular/Immaculate Conception

Next weekend: Regular/Christmas Flowers

## DECEMBER MEETINGS

(All events are held in St. Ann's Family Center unless otherwise noted)

- RCIA:** Monday Dec. 14, 7 p.m.
- Knights of Columbus:** Monday, Dec. 14, 7 p.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Rectory
- Finance Council Meeting:** Tue. Dec. 15, 7 p.m.
- Shawl Ministry:** Thu. Dec. 17, at 1:30 p.m.
- Exercise Class:** Fri. Dec. 18, 9:30 – 10:45 a.m.

### ST. ANN WILL HAVE ADDITIONAL CONFESSIONS DURING ADVENT

St. Ann Parish will offer two additional times that confessions can be heard during Advent. On Tuesday **Dec. 15 from 1 to 3 p.m.** and Tuesday, **Dec. 22, from 7 to 9 p.m.** Fr C.J. will be available and he hopes either of these times fit your schedule.

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>
<b>WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 12 &amp; 13</b>			
Saturday	4:00 p.m. M. Benoit	C. Kirby, V. Rhodes, P. Scarsi	D. & P. Conlon, H. Morley
Sunday	9:45 a.m. S. Morley	P. Archey, R. Johnson, M. Kelly	K., M. & N. Babich
	11:15 a.m. J. Cacciola	D. Lane, A. Morgan, H. Ouellette	B. Nicotra, & I. Sullivan
<b>WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 19 &amp; 20</b>			
Saturday	4:00 p.m. S. Merlino	M. Tremblay, B. Bilyeu, J. Chague	L. Moran, M. & S. O'Brien
Sunday	9:45 a.m. H. Morley	J. Haling, R. Keator, R. King	D. & E. Keator
	11:15 a.m. D. Lane	C. Roman, T. Romeo, D. Zola	J. & M. Tagole

**ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS IS DIFFICULT** for some, especially those who are hurting following the death of a spouse, the loss of a job, or anxiety over numerous things in life. The Lenox Clergy Association knows this, and invites anyone interested, to a special evening titled **Our Longest Night**, which is **a church service of HOPE**.

This religious service will be held on Sunday, Dec. 13, at 7 p.m. in the **United Methodist Church of Lenox, on Holmes Road**. All are invited to gather with area clergy and friends, as we together find hope and comfort for those who struggle to find happiness and joy at this time of the year.

**Lectors Workbooks are available in the Priest's Sacristy. Please pick up your copy before or after Mass. Thank You.**

**TALK ABOUT CLEAN!** St. Ann Parish sincerely thanks the 18 awesome, wonderful and devoted people - of all ages - who turned out last Sunday afternoon to totally dust, polish, vacuum, etc., the entire interior of the church, in preparation for Christmas. Talk about something you can't buy in a store.

Thank you for your devoted time toward the parish. **(NOTICE!!! Be extra careful as you sit and move in the pews this weekend as they are very, very slippery due to the extensive cleaning!)**

**Craft Sale:** We will once again have a craft table set up inside the main doors of St. Ann's Church this weekend. If you still have some shopping left to do on your Christmas list, please stop by following Mass and take a look.

From today's Gospel, Luke 3: **"Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none."**

Practices in compassion and social justice serve to equalize humanity before God and man.

### BAPTISM SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED

**BAPTISMS AT ST. ANN PARISH** will now be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month at 11 a.m. **OR** the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month at 2 p.m. If you or someone on know will be booking one soon, please call the church office to begin the process, 637-0157.

You will find Christmas Flowers donation envelopes in your pews. If you would like to contribute to our Christmas display this year, feel free to use one of these envelopes.

**Extra Tri-Parish Directories** ~ St. Ann's Church Office has a **limited number** of extra copies of our Tri-parish Directories, that we can offer to you for \$5 each. If you would like to purchase a copy, please contact the office.

**Early Bulletin Deadline.** Because of the Christmas holiday, news items to be included in our Dec.26/27 bulletin must be submitted to the office by **Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>** at the very latest. Thank you!

**"A Night in Bethlehem"** A hands on Christmas experience for the entire family, will be held on Saturday, Dec. 19, from 2-4 p.m. and again on Sunday, Dec. 20, from 5-7 p.m., at Hope Church, 259 Kemble Street, Lenox. The program includes both traditional and contemporary selections. Please join them for an evening of wonderful music and inspiration.

### SANTA CLAUSE IS COMING TO LENOX!

Come meet Santa at the Lenox VFW, 65 Main Street (the Academy Building) on Sunday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>, between 12 and 4 p.m. Children can sit on Santa's lap and talk to him about their Christmas wish list.

Also, we hope you will share in the joy of giving by bringing a new, unwrapped toy for "Toys for Tot's."

Refreshments will be provided.



**Saint Patrick Church**

West Stockbridge, MA

Mass Intention for Dec. 6, 2009

Rose & Donato and their son Donald Pericolosi req. by their family

LECTOR

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

ALTAR SERVER

**WEEKEND OF DEC. 13**

Sunday 8:00 a.m. E. Forget, & B. Dowling V. D'Aniello B. Davis, A. Zick

**WEEKEND OF DEC. 20**

Sunday 8:00 a.m. Victor D'Aniello, John Zick R. Waitekus B. Davis, A. Zick

**ST. PATRICK STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE  
FOR COLLECTION ON DEC. 6, 2009**

Church donations:	\$ 1,340.00
Fuel:	\$ 255.00
Building:	\$ 15.00
Religious Retirement :	\$ 220.00
Immaculate Concept.:	\$ 178.00
Christmas Flowers:	\$ 425.00
<b>Total for the week:</b>	<b>\$2,433.00</b>

*Thank you very much for your support!*

**NEED A GIFT IDEA FOR THE WOMAN IN YOUR LIFE?**

Looking for a great stocking stuffer for all of the women in your life? Here it is – Tickets to a very special Berkshire Brunch with Johnette Benkovic of EWTN's *The Abundant Life*. The Brunch will be held on Sunday, April 18, at Berkshire Hills Country Club, as a part of the yearly Catholic Women's Retreat Weekend in April, 2010.

Tickets will be available after all the Masses next weekend, of Dec. 12 and 13, at St. Ann's.

More details on the retreat will be available after the holidays.

**Upcoming Events Scheduled for  
St. Patrick's Parish Center**

**Sun., Dec, 13:** Coffee hour following Mass

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE**

**Dec. 13:** Regular Class following the 8 a.m. Mass.  
Confirmation at St. Vincent de Paul at 2 p.m.  
**Dec. 20:** No Classes until Jan. 3 – Christmas Recess

**New Altar Servers Needed** – have you ever thought of becoming an altar server? St. Patrick's Parish could use some additional servers to minister at our 8 a.m. Mass. If you are a young man or woman in the 3rd grade or higher, and would like to serve your parish in this capacity, please speak to Fr. C.J. after Mass.

**New Program starting at St. Patrick's** – beginning January 3<sup>rd</sup>, a new program to benefit our senior citizens will begin at St. Patrick's. From 2-5 p.m. on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month, we will hold a dinner/movie program. This program will run from January through April. Watch the bulletin and newsletter for complete details.

**Twelfth Night Tickets** – The Twelfth Night celebration will be held on Saturday, Jan. 9. The celebration begins with Mass at 4 p.m. at St. Joseph Church, Pittsfield followed by Dinner and dancing at the ITAM Lodge. The evening will end with Italian collies and coffee. Tickets are \$23 per person. Please call the St. Joseph Rectory at 445-5789 for tickets.

**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES FOR WEST  
STOCKBRIDGE,  
LENOX AND LENOX DALE**

**Dec. 24, 2009** – No 7 a.m. Mass at St. Ann  
4 p.m. - Vigil Mass at St. Ann's with Children's  
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6 p.m. – Vigil Mass at St. Vincent de Paul  
10 p.m. – Mass at St. Ann Church

**Dec. 25, 2009** – 8 a.m. Mass at St. Patrick Church  
10 a.m. Mass at St. Ann Church  
10 a.m. Mass at St. Vincent de Paul – with Msgr.  
Bonzagni  
(This year there will be a 10 a.m. Mass in both Lenox  
and Lenox Dale)

**Prayer line request** are available by calling Shirley at 232-7750.