

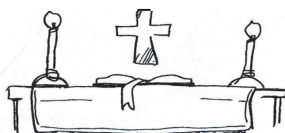
*The Roman Catholic Parishes of
St. Ann, Lenox, MA
and
St. Patrick, West Stockbridge, MA*

December 4, 2016

second sunday of
ADVENT



MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday	Dec.	3	4:00 p.m.	<i>Pauline Vreeland, req. by Kathy & Art DeVylder</i>
Sunday	Dec.	4	9:45 a.m.	<i>Janette I. LeBeau, req. by her husband and children</i>
			11:15 a.m.	<i>Shane Magner, req. by David & Maureen Quinlan</i>
Monday	Dec.	5	7:00 a.m.	<i>Mass for the People of St. Ann, St. Patrick & St. Vincent de Paul parishes</i>
Tuesday	Dec.	6	7:00 a.m.	<i>Living Bishops of our Diocese</i>
Wednesday	Dec.	7	7:00 a.m.	<i>Souls in Purgatory Who Committed Suicide</i>
Thursday	Dec.	8	7:00 a.m.	<i>The Prince and Huber families, req. by Jim and Marge Prince</i>
Friday	Dec.	9	7:00 a.m.	<i>Communion Service</i>
Saturday	Dec.	10	4:00 p.m.	<i>Alba Scarsi, req. by her son Leon and Pam</i>
			5:30 p.m.	<i>St. Vincent de Paul — Deceased Bishops, Priests & Deacons of our Diocese</i>
Sunday	Dec.	11	8:00 a.m.	<i>St. Patrick Church — George Panzeri, 20th Anniversary</i>
			9:45 a.m.	<i>Peter Costi, req. by Teresa Romeo</i>
			11:15 a.m.	<i>Eric Robinson, req. by his mom</i>

Please pray for the deceased including Marie Kergaravat, Ellen Roux & Charlotte Pignatelli, and the sick.

ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

"Weekly Collection" Summary

COLLECTION ON NOV. 20, 2016

"WEEKLY COLLECTION:" \$ 3,003
AMOUNT NEEDED EACH WEEKEND: \$ 4,827

COLLECTION ON NOV. 27, 2016

"WEEKLY COLLECTION:" \$ 4,505
AMOUNT NEEDED EACH WEEKEND: \$ 4,827

AMOUNT NEEDED JULY-NOV.: \$106,194
AMOUNT RECEIVED: \$100,974
TOTAL DEFICIT \$ (5,220)

THANK YOU! WE DEPEND ON YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

Weekly Envelopes:

This Weekend: Regular Weekly/Grounds/Christmas Flowers

DEC. 8TH: Immaculate Conception

Next Weekend: Regular Weekly/Retirement for Religious

ST. ANN'S MUSIC CORNER

Hymn of the Week: "Proclaim the Joyful Message"

Sun. 9:45 a.m. — St. Ann Youth Choir

Sun. 11:15 a.m. — St. Ann Ensemble

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

Kindergarten: Sunday, Dec. 4, 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. Next class will be Jan. 8

Grade 1: Sunday, Dec. 4, 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. in St. Ann's Family Center. Next class will be Dec. 11.

Grade 2: Sunday Dec. 4, 8:30-9:45 a.m. in St. Ann's Family Center. Next class will be Dec. 11.

Grades 3 & 4: Sunday Dec. 4, 8:30-9:45 a.m. in St. Ann's Family Center. Next class will be Dec, 11

Grades 5-8: Sunday Dec. 4, 6-7 p.m. in St. Ann's Family Center. Next class will be Dec. 11.

Grades 9 & 10: Sunday, Dec. 11, 6-8 p.m. in St. Ann's Family Center. Next class will be Dec. 18, 6 to 8 p.m.

Children's Christmas Pageant—This year, our pageant will be held the Sunday *before* Christmas. We need adults who can help us with this production. Please call Joan Davis if you can help in any way, 841-5021.

Closing hymn at the 9:45 a.m. Mass,
"Proclaim the Joyful Message."

Refrain:

Proclaim the joyful message,
that our God is coming to earth.

Let the valleys be filled and the mountains made low,
preparing for his holy birth.

Verse:

He will come in the spirit of wisdom,
to bring the world justice and right.
The poor and the lowly will know him,
for the Lord will be their light. **(Refrain)**

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

<u>LECTORS</u>			<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>
WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 3 & 4				
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	R. Casey	P. Scarsi, B. Bilyeu	J.T. Novitsky
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	M. Herman	J. Lane, K. MacKenzie	E. Saupé, S. Cestone
	11:15 a.m.	S. Lyons	L. Loring, J. Coxon	M. Ward
WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 10 & 11				
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	L. Decorie	C. Decorie, M. Tremblay	A. & I. Conlon
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	J. Hopper	G. McCormick, M. Somes	E. Saupé, M. & T. Leger
	11:15 a.m.	M. Wilser	K. DeVlylder, L. Franzoni	Volunteer needed

COFFEE HOUR TEAMS FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Dec. 11th - Team #2 Captain: Francine Shelhamer & Jeffrey Kane

Bakers: Vicky May, Anne Sarkis, Michelle Colvin, & Christine Manarchik.

Dec. 18th - Team #3 Captain: Nabih & Marilyn Nejaime

Helpers: Jeremiah & Christa Ames

Bakers: Joanne Lane, Kathy Face, Mary Conlon, Sandy Morley.

Christmas Flowers—If you would like to help us decorate for the Christmas Season, you can use the envelope found in your monthly packet. Names listed in memory of, will be published in our bulletin the weekend following Christmas. **Please print very clearly and consider including a contact phone number for questions we may have.**



Your support pays for the lovely decoration and floral arrangements we display during this wonderful holy season. Thank you in advance for your support!

10th Annual Catholic Women's Conference

The 10th Annual Catholic Women's Conference will be held on Sat., April 22, 2017, at Bellamy School in Chicopee next year.

The conference will feature three dynamic and inspiring women, Mother Olga of the Sacred Heart, Patricia Livingston and Therese Wilson Favors.

Mark your calendars now and watch the bulletin for more details as the date approaches.

Faith Formation's Advent Community Mission

Next weekend, Sat. Dec. 10 & Sun., Dec. 11, we will be collecting non-perishable food and paper products for our Lenox Food Pantry. Please consider packing a sack and bringing in items for this collection. If you are bringing items from home, please be sure to check the expiration date. We cannot deliver items that have an expired date, nor can the food pantry distribute items if the expiration date that has gone by. Please leave your donation on the Altar before Mass. Cash donations are always needed. Gift cards are always welcome, too.

Thank you in advance and may God bless you for your kindness.

Lost and Found— There are many items at St. Ann Church on the Lost and Found shelf. If you have misplaced anything that could have been left behind at church, please take a minute to stop at the lost and found this weekend and reclaim your items. Thank you.

Christmas Masses Sign-Up Sheets

As we do every year, we are asking our Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers who wish to serve at any of our Christmas Masses, to please sign up in the Priests Sacristy.

Because Christmas falls on a weekend this year, our Christmas Sunday Mass times will be the same as regular weekend Masses, 9:45 and 11:15 a.m.

New Year's Day Masses will be the same and a sign-up sheet for them will be available also.

**OUR SANCTUARY CANDLE
BURNS FOR
DOT & AL PAUD**

The Visitation Sisters of Tyringham invite you to their ongoing talks on the Sacred Heart of Jesus, held at their Monastery on the following Sundays at 4 p.m.:

Dec. 5, 2016	May 7, 2017
Feb. 5, 2016	Jun. 4, 2017
Mar. 5, 2016	Aug. 6, 2017
Apr. 2, 2017	Oct. 1, 2017

Information: 413-243-3995

DECEMBER 4, 2016

Saint Patrick Church

West Stockbridge, MA

Mass Intention for Dec. 4, 2016

The Frana and Sondrini families

LECTOR

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

ALTAR SERVER

WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 4

Sunday	8:00 a.m.	K. Davis	S. Panzeri	C. Parker, L. O'Gara
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WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 11

Sunday	8:00 a.m.	B. Dowling	L. Fields	C. Parker, L. O'Gara
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ST. PATRICK STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Collection on Nov. 20, 2016

Weekly	\$1,000.00
Fuel	\$ 50.00
All Saints	\$ 25.00
Cam. For Human Dev.	\$ 10.00
Clothing Shed	\$ 45.24
	\$ 1,130.24
Cemetery	\$ 10.00

Collection on Nov. 27, 2016

Weekly	\$ 639.00
Fuel	\$ 35.00
Bldg & Grounds	\$ 180.00
Camp. For Human Dev.	\$ 20.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 20.00
	\$ 894.00
Cemetery	\$ 43.00

UPCOMING EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR ST. PATRICK'S PARISH CENTER

SUN. DEC. 4: Coffee Hour following 8 a.m. Mass

SAT. DEC. 10: Annual Cookie Walk, 9-11:30 a.m.

SUN. DEC. 11: Coffee Hour following 8 a.m. Mass

WEEKLY ENVELOPES:

THIS WEEKEND: Regular Weekly/Fuel/Christmas
Flowers/Cemetery

DEC. 8: Immaculate Conception

NEXT WEEKEND: Regular Weekly/Religious
Retirement/Christmas Flowers

St. Patrick Annual Cookie Walk

St. Patrick's Church is holding its 19th Annual Holiday Cookie Walk (Cookie Bake Sale) on Saturday, December 10, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. in the Parish Center.

We need Cookie Bakers to bake several batches of their favorite Christmas Cookies. If you are interested in baking, please sign up in the Church Vestibule or by calling Lucy Bellville at 232-4423.

Cookies should be brought to St. Patrick's Parish Center on Friday, Dec. 9 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. or before 9 a.m. on Saturday. Please label your cookies. Thank you.

Meetings

- Parish Council, Dec. 13, 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

- Sunday, Dec. 4, Class following the 8 a.m. Mass
- Sunday, Dec. 11, Class following the 8 a.m. Mass
- Sunday, Dec. 18, Class following the 8 a.m. Mass

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DECEMBER MEETINGS & EVENTS

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

- **RCIA:** Mon. Dec. 5, 7 p.m. in the Family Center.
- **NEW GENESIS MEETING:** Wed. Dec. 7, 12:30 p.m.
- **BIBLE STUDY:** Wed. Dec. 7, 6:30-8 p.m.
- **TAP DANCING LESSONS:** Fri., Dec. 9, 4 p.m. in the basement of the Family Center.
- **ST. ANN'S WALKING GROUP:** Tuesdays at 8:30a.m.
- **ROSARY:** Tuesdays at 1 p.m.
- **EXERCISE CLASS:** Fridays from 9 to 10 a.m.
- **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** Mon. Dec. 12, 7 p.m. at St. Ann's Family Center
- **FAITH FORMATION:** Tue. Jan. 17, at 6:30 p.m.

SUCCESS FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

A total of 220 Shoeboxes were filled and packed for distribution to hundreds of needy children worldwide.

Many of these children have never received a Christmas present -- except for one of these Shoeboxes!

We extend a huge thank you to all the people who participated and contributed to this worthy project.

It was truly a community and ecumenical effort that involved so many Lenox townspeople, including the Church on the Hill, Town Hall, Different Drummer, New Genesis and countless other generous donors who so willingly contributed. Our parishes of St. Ann, St. Vincent de Paul and St. Patrick were stellar role models in the success of Operation Christmas Child!

Thank You - Thank You

- Many Christmas Blessings to you all.

Special Collection

Next weekend we will take up a special collection for our retired religious. Your gift to the **Retirement Fund for Religious** helps provide nursing care, medications and other necessities. You will find an envelope in your packet. Please be as generous as you can when the basket is passed.

If you would like to donate directly by mail, pick up a flyer in the back of the church on your way out today. All the information you will need is on this flyer.

2017 & 2018 MASS BOOKS ARE IN!

The church office has just received the 2018 Mass book. If you are interested in booking Masses or reserving the Sanctuary Candle for 2017 and 2018, please call Debbie in the office at 637-0157.

Are you sending Christmas Cards this year? If you are, you might be interested in extending Seasons Greetings to the priests who have been such important parts of our parish life.

Rev. Daniel B. Brunton
St. Mary's Parish
30 Bartlett St.
Westfield, MA 01085

Rev. Bill Rousseau
69 Mitchell Drive
Chicopee, MA 01022

Msgr. John Bonzagni
P.O. Box 209
Lenox Dale, MA 01242

Rev. C.J. Waitekus
St. Mary's Church
519 Longmeadow Street
Longmeadow, MA 01106

Rev. Michael Pierz
St. Francis of Assisi Parish
P.O. Box 612
Belchertown, MA 01007

Fr. Richard Bondi
60 South St.
Ware, MA 01082-1619

Heaven's Embrace

This lovely marble statue, "Heaven's Embrace," created by Joan Racine, is available at St. Ann Church Office for \$20. This 8 1/2 inch statue is a lovely keepsake or a wonderful gift for someone special.



HospiceCare To Offer Workshop

HospiceCare in The Berkshires, Inc. is offering a "Coping With the Holidays" workshop for anyone who has lost a loved one. The workshop will be held on Tue. Dec. 6, from 6 to 7 p.m. at 877 South Street, Pittsfield. If interested, please call 413-443-2994.

HAVE YOU MOVED RECENTLY? HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR P.O. BOX OR YOUR TELEPHONE NUMBER?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, we would appreciate it if you let our parish office know. We sometimes need to phone you and can't find a contact number for you, or your monthly envelopes go out and come back to us. Thank you in advance for your help!

If you are going into the hospital for surgery or other serious procedure, and wish to be anointed before hand, please speak to the priest after Mass the weekend before.

We are now on Facebook. Please like us at:
St. Ann Parish Lenox,MA

Kid's Corner



Circle these words from today's Gospel:

BAPTIZED
FORGIVEN
ISAIAH

JOHN
DESERT
STRAIGHT

CROOKED
SMOOTH
ROUGH

C I F O R G I V E N
R O U G H L O Y U L
O N B D I F T S M V
O I A S M O O T H E
K C P T W S H R I J
E Y T O U M Y A S O
D U I L I S A I A H
R J Z O C E T G K N
O Y E M K Y I H I W
H A D E S E R T O U

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Mission for the Week

When you catch yourself being selfish, not following directions, or using hurtful words, stop. Say you're sorry, ask for forgiveness, and then try again.

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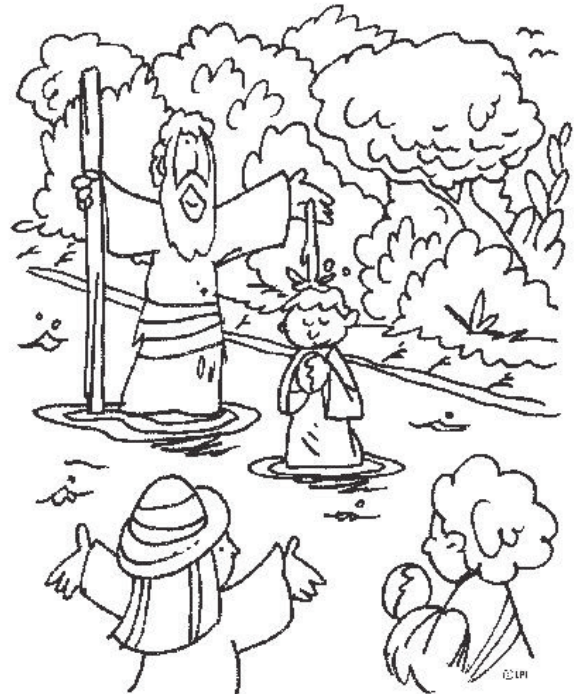


Luke 3:1-6 ■ 2nd Sunday of Advent

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Read the Gospel and Color



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The Annual Christmas Tree Lighting in Lenox Dale will be held, Sunday, Dec. 4 at 6 p.m. Santa will arrive by fire engine at Veterans Memorial Park, at the intersection of Walker & Crystal Streets to light the tree. Following the lighting, Santa will greet the children at the Fire Station on Elm St. where gifts and refreshments will be distributed. Santa will also pose for photos with the children. The event is sponsored by the Lenox Dale Fire Company.

HospiceCare in the Berkshires will offer a **Winter Remembrance Ceremony** on Thursday, Dec. 8, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., at 877 South St., Pittsfield, to honor loved ones who have died. There will be a non-denominational observance followed by an activity where participants collectively revere their family and friends who are not with us this holiday season. Light refreshments will follow. This event is free and open to the public. No registration required. 443-2994



Mandy Grace '10

ministry-to-children.com