

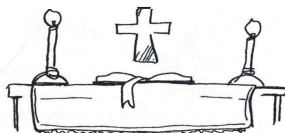
*The Roman Catholic Parishes of  
St. Ann, Lenox, MA  
and  
St. Patrick, West Stockbridge, MA*

December 11, 2016

*Third Sunday of*  
**ADVENT**



MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday	Dec.	10	4:00 p.m.	<i>Alba Scarsi, req. by her son Leon and Pam</i>
Sunday	Dec.	11	9:45 a.m.	<i>Peter Costi, req. by Teresa Romeo</i>
			11:15 a.m.	<i>Eric Robinson, req. by his mom</i>
Monday	Dec.	12	7:00 a.m.	<i>Mass for the People of St. Ann, St. Patrick &amp; St. Vincent de Paul parishes</i>
Tuesday	Dec.	13	7:00 a.m.	<i>Shindy Weigand, req. by her husband Bill</i>
Wednesday	Dec.	14	7:00 a.m.	<i>Bishop Leo O'Neil</i>
Thursday	Dec.	15	7:00 a.m.	<i>Souls in Purgatory who died defending their country</i>
Friday	Dec.	16	7:00 a.m.	<i>Communion Service</i>
Saturday	Dec.	17	4:00 p.m.	<i>Laura Catherine Regnier, req. by Anne Motta</i>
			5:30 p.m.	<i>St. Vincent de Paul — The Macbeth Rivers family and their families</i>
Sunday	Dec.	18	8:00 a.m.	<i>St. Patrick Church — Clergy of the Springfield Diocese</i>
			9:45 a.m.	<i>Michael Sarkis, req. by his mother, father and sister</i>
			11:15 a.m.	<i>The Spinney and Bernasconi families, req. by their family</i>

Please pray for the sick.

ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

"Weekly Collection" Summary

"COLLECTION ON DEC. 4, 2016

"WEEKLY COLLECTION:"	\$ 6,663
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/Religious Retirement

**Next Weekend:** Regular Weekly/Christmas Flowers

ST. ANN'S MUSIC CORNER

Hymn of the Week: *This is the Time of Waiting, SA 115*

Sun. 9:45 a.m. — St. Ann Youth Choir

Sun. 11:15 a.m. — St. Ann Ensemble

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

**Kindergarten:** Sunday, Jan. 8, 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. Next class will be Feb. 12.

**Grade 1:** Sunday, Dec. 11 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. in St. Ann's Family Center. Next class will be Dec. 18.

**Grade 2:** Sunday Dec. 11, 8:30-9:45 a.m. in St. Ann's Family Center. Next class will be Dec. 18.

**Grades 3 & 4:** Sunday Dec. 11, 8:30-9:45 a.m. in St. Ann's Family Center. Next class will be Dec. 18.

**Grades 5-8:** Sunday Dec. 11, 6-7 p.m. in St. Ann's Family Center. Next class will be Dec. 18.

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

**Children's Christmas Pageant**—This year, our pageant will be held the Sunday *before* Christmas on Dec. 18, at the 9:45 a.m. Mass. Any students interested in being in the pageant are asked to call Hannah Morley at 464—6357. We are also in need of a few parents to help with dressing the kids and getting them ready.

**Also on Dec. 18th**, students in grades 6-8 will have a Christmas Party during CCD.

**Correction:** The pageant time on your CCD Schedule for December 18th is incorrect. The Pageant will instead be held at the 9:45 a.m. Mass.

**Our Religious Education** program is in need of a 7th & 8th grade teacher. Please call Joan Davis if you can help.

OUR SANCTUARY CANDLE  
BURNS FOR  
GEORGE HAMILTON



### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

		<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>
<b>WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 10 &amp; 11</b>				
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. Léger
	11:15 a.m.	M. Wilser	K. DeVyllder, L. Franzoni	Volunteer needed
<b>WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 17 &amp; 18</b>				
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	C. Meisberger	R. Casey, J. Chague	S. Meisberger, M. Ward
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	H. Biernacki	P. Archey, C. Gallenberger	J. Cooney, B. Ames
	11:15 a.m.	E. Bride	J. Healy, T. Romeo	M. Tagole

#### COFFEE HOUR TEAMS FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

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

Helpers: Jeremiah & Christa Ames

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

##### **Dec. 25th - Team #4 Captain: No Coffee Hour this weekend. Merry Christmas, Everyone!**

**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.**



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#### Christmas Masses Schedule 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. **Saturday, Christmas Eve Masses will be at 4 and 10 p.m.** 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.**

#### A Thank You Letter from Pregnancy Support

**To:** Msgr. John Bonzagni, Pastor, The Faith Formation Committee and to St. Ann & St. Vincent de Paul Parishioners

Wow! What a generous response to mission and community gifting as was done on the first Sunday of Advent for the clients of Pregnancy Support Services of Berkshire County. A pickup truck and a SUV were loaded with a variety of useful infant and children's' items because of your faith fueled giving to those in need regardless of their circumstances. We sometimes are criticized for "rewarding" promiscuous behavior but how negligent would we be if we did not offer the gift of hope and promise? Hope offers future and future offers learning and discovery; your generosity is now a part of someone's hope.

Should you like to become more involved with our agency as a volunteer or Board Member, please do not hesitate to visit, call our office or catch me usually at the Saturday Mass.

Once again, we cannot thank you enough for your gifts and consideration of those who come to us for help.

May God Bless all of you,

*Lorita Decorie, VP*

#### Faith Formation's Advent Community Mission

Next weekend, Sat. Dec. 17 & Sun., Dec. 18, we will conclude our Community Mission for this Advent Season. We will collect donations for the elderly of our community. Some shopping ideas include: Christmas Cards, lotions, fluffy throws, socks, toiletries, stuffed animals, puzzle books, adult coloring books, even a short visit would mean the world to them.

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

Last weekend, for the 2nd weekend of our Advent Community Mission, we collected toys for under privileged kids. The response was as grand and overwhelming as the previous week! The collected items were distributed to the Redfield House/Berkshire Families & Children, the Christian Center and Berkshire Immigrant Center. Thank you all so much. God Bless you!!

**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.:

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

Information: 413-243-3995

DECEMBER 11, 2016

## Saint Patrick Church

West Stockbridge, MA

Mass Intention for Dec. 11, 2016

George Panzeri, 20th Anniversary

### LECTOR

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

### ALTAR SERVER

#### WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 11

Sunday	8:00 a.m.	B. Dowling	L. Fields	C. Parker, L. O'Gara
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#### WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 18

Sunday	8:00 a.m.	J. Kujawski	V. D'Aniello	C. Parker, L. O'Gara
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### ST. PATRICK STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

#### Collection on Dec. 4, 2016

Weekly	\$ 1,636.00
Fuel	\$ 178.00
Bldg & Grounds	\$ 45.00
Religious Retirement	\$ 10.00
Immaculate Concep.	\$ 8.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 145.00
	<b>\$ 2,022.00</b>

*Thank you for your continued support!*

### UPCOMING EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR ST. PATRICK'S PARISH CENTER

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

**WED. DEC. 14:** St. Francis Society, 1-4 p.m.

**SUN. DEC. 18:** Coffee Hour following 8 a.m. Mass

**NOTE:** *There will be no coffee hour on Dec. 25th.*

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

- Sunday, Dec. 11, Class following the 8 a.m. Mass
- Sunday, Dec. 18, Class following the 8 a.m. Mass
- Sunday, Dec. 25, Christmas Vacation—no classes.
- Sunday, Jan. 1, Christmas Vacation—no classes

### WEEKLY ENVELOPES:

**THIS WEEKEND:** Regular Weekly/Religious  
Retirement/Christmas Flowers

**NEXT WEEKEND:** Regular Weekly/Bldg. Maint./  
Christmas Flowers

### Meetings

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

### Short Excerpts

#### Taken from Pope Francis' Addresses And Homilies

#### "TAKE A STEP TOWARD THE LAW OF LOVE"

Oh, how much more of the journey do we have to make in order to actually live the new law—the law of the Holy spirit who acts in us, the law of charity, of love! Looking in newspapers or on television, we see so many wars between Christians' how does this happen? Within the People of God, there are so many wars! How many wars of envy, of jealousy, are waged in neighborhoods, in the workplace! Even within the family itself, there are so many internal wars! We must ask the Lord to make us correctly understand this law of love. How beautiful it is to love one another as true brothers and sisters. How beautiful! Let's do something today. We may all have likes and dislikes; many of us are perhaps a little angry with someone. Then let us say to the Lord, "Lord, I am angry with this or that person; I am praying to you for him or her." To pray for those with whom we are angry is a beautiful step toward that law of love. Shall we take it? Let's take it today!

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## DECEMBER MEETINGS & EVENTS

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

- **NO WOMAN'S LUNCHEON THIS MONTH. SEE YOU JAN. 2 AT NOON.**
- **RCIA:** Mon. Dec. 12, 7 p.m. Rectory
- **BIBLE STUDY:** Wed. Dec. 14, 6:30-8 p.m.
- **TAP DANCING LESSONS:** Fri., Dec. 16, 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.

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. John the Evangelist  
833 Main St.  
Agawam, MA 01001

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

## SPECIAL COLLECTION

This 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.

## 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.



## 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.

**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.

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.

## Annual Statements

Parishioners of St. Ann using envelopes will be receiving an annual statement for tax purposes, within the next month. Make sure your current mailing address is on file with the church office. We can also email your statement to you if you would like.

## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE AT OUR THREE PARISHES

### Saturday, Dec. 24:

4 p.m. at St. Ann Church—Lenox  
5 p.m. at St. Patrick Church—W. Stockbridge  
5:30 p.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Church—Lenox Dale  
10 p.m. at St. Ann Church—Lenox

### Sunday, Dec. 25:

No 8 a.m. at St. Patrick Church—W. Stockbridge  
9:45 a.m. at St. Ann Church—Lenox  
11:15 a.m. Mass at St. Ann—Lenox

Can you give the gift of a good home to a cat this Christmas? Sandy Morley is looking for a home for her Mom's cat, Jenny, who is 14-1/2 years old. She is super friendly, healthy, and a fantastic companion. For more Info: Sandy at 443-0048

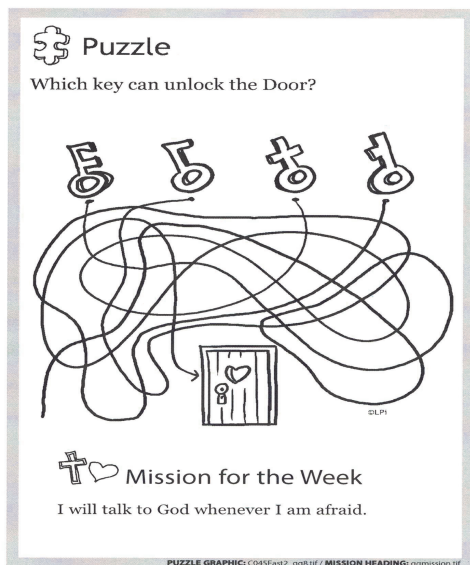
## Kid's Corner

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### CHRISTMAS RIDDLES

- Q: What do Santa's elves learn in school?  
 A: The Elfabet.
- Q: What does Santa like to do in the garden?  
 A: Hoe, hoe, hoe!
- Q: What do Santa's elves drive?  
 A: Minivans.
- What do Santa's elves drink?  
 A: Minnesoda.
- Q: What is Claustrophobia?  
 A: The fear of Santa Claus.
- Q: What breakfast cereal does Frosty the Snowman eat?  
 A: Snowflakes.
- Q: What do you call a cat sitting on the beach on Christmas Eve?  
 A: Sandy Claws.