

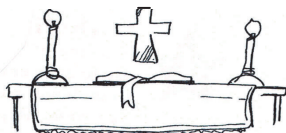
*The Roman Catholic Parishes of
St. Ann, Lenox, MA
and
St. Patrick, West Stockbridge, MA*

December 18, 2016

Fourth Sunday of
ADVENT



MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday	Dec.	17	4:00 p.m.	<i>Laura Catherine Regnier, req. by Anne Motta</i>
Sunday	Dec.	18	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>
Monday	Dec.	19	7:00 a.m.	<i>Shane Magner, req. by David and Maureen Quinlan</i>
Tuesday	Dec.	20	7:00 a.m.	<i>Shawn Mahoney, req. by his family</i>
Wednesday	Dec.	21	7:00 a.m.	<i>Mass for the People of St. Ann, St. Patrick & St. Vincent de Paul parishes</i>
Thursday	Dec.	22	7:00 a.m.	<i>Llew & Sandra Armstrong, req. by their family</i>
Friday	Dec.	23	7:00 a.m.	<i>Communion Service</i>
Saturday	Dec.	24	4:00 p.m.	<i>St. Ann Christmas Vigil Mass</i>
			5:00 p.m.	<i>St. Patrick's Christmas Vigil Mass</i>
			5:30 p.m.	<i>St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Vigil Mass</i>
			10:00 p.m.	<i>St. Ann Christmas Vigil Mass</i>
Sunday	Dec.	25	8:00 a.m.	<i>No Morning Mass for St. Patrick Church</i>
			9:45 a.m.	<i>St. Ann Christmas Day Mass</i>
			11:15 a.m.	<i>St. Ann Christmas Day Mass</i>

Please pray for the deceased, including Sean M. Mitts, brother of Dr. Kevin Mitts, and the sick.

ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

"Weekly Collection" Summary

"COLLECTION ON DEC. 11, 2016

"WEEKLY COLLECTION:"	\$ 3,745
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/Christmas Flowers

Next Weekend: Regular Weekly/Christmas/Flowers

ST. ANN'S MUSIC CORNER

Hymn of the Week: *Emmanuel*, SA 117

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. 18 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. in St. Ann's Family Center. Next class will be Dec. 18.

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

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

Grades 5-8: Sunday Dec. 18, in St. Ann's Family Center. Next class will be Jan. 8.

Grades 9 & 10: Sunday, Dec. 18, 6-8 p.m. in St. Ann's Family Center. Next class will be Feb. 12.

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

Correction: the class 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 need of a 7th & 8th grade teacher. Please call Joan Davis at 841-5021 if you can help.

OUR SANCTUARY CANDLE
BURNS FOR
GEORGE HAMILTON

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

LECTORS

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

ALTAR SERVERS

WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 17 & 18

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	C. Meisberger
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	H. Biernacki
	11:15 a.m.	E. Bride

R. Casey, J. Chague
P. Archey, C. Gallenberger
J. Healy, T. Romeo

S. Meisberger, M. Ward
J. Cooney, B. Ames
M. Tagole

WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 24 & 25

Saturday	4:00 p.m.
Saturday	10:00 p.m.
Sunday	9:45 a.m.
	11:15 a.m.

PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE PRIEST'S SACRISTY

COFFEE HOUR TEAMS FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Dec. 25th - Team #5 Captain: No Coffee Hour this weekend. Merry Christmas, Everyone!

Jan. 1- Team #1 Captain: Carol Kirby & Millie Kirby
Bakers: Tracy Reis, Sarah Williams, & Gina Kirchner.

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.**

Saint Vincent de Paul will have a **5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass** on Saturday, Dec. 24th. Our friends at **St. Patrick Church** in West Stockbridge will have a **5 p.m. Mass**, also on Saturday, Dec. 24th, with **no Christmas Day Mass on Sunday, the 25th.**

SANCTUARY CANDLE

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE OUR SANCTUARY
CANDLE BURN FOR YOUR LOVED ONE, PLEASE CALL
DEBBIE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE.

The United Methodist Church of Lenox, 6 Holmes Road, Lenox, will present ***"Do You Hear What I Hear?"*** The Gospel Gang and The Messengers concert on Sun. Dec. 18th at 3 p.m. A suggested donation of \$10 will be accepted.

St. Mark's Parish Community Outreach will present two of the Original Harlem Globetrotters on Sat. Jan. 7, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Taconic High School's Gymnasium. Cost is \$1 for children and \$5 for adults. Tickets: 447-7510

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 decorations and floral arrangements we display during this wonderful holy

Family Caregiver Support Program

Elder Services of Berkshire County, Inc., provides assistance with one-on-one support, support groups, caregiver trainings and referrals to community services at no charge, for caregivers.

If you are caring for someone over the age of 60, someone with dementia or a disability, or are a grandparent caring for a grandchild under the age of 18, you may be eligible for this service.

Contact us to set up an in-home, in-person, or telephone assessment. We are here to support caregivers. Please give us an opportunity to help!

Contact Bea Cowlin or Joe Choon at 413-499-0524.

St. Ann is now on Facebook.

Please like us at:

St. Ann Parish Lenox, MA

God sent His Son Jesus to teach people of the Father's love and plan for salvation. Jesus continues to send priests, sisters, deacons and brothers to the world to continue His work of salvation.

If you think God is calling you to do this, call Fr. Gary Dailey at 413-452-0811 or write g.gailey@diospringfield.org. Website: www.lmyvocation.com.

DECEMBER 18, 2016

Saint Patrick Church

West Stockbridge, MA

Mass Intention for Dec. 18, 2016

Clergy of the Diocese of Springfield

LECTOR

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

ALTAR SERVER

WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 18

Sunday 8:00 a.m. J. Kujawski

V. D'Aniello

C. Parker, L. O'Gara

WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 24

Sunday 5:00 p.m. J. Biggs

B. Biggs

C. Parker, L. O'Gara

ST. PATRICK STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Collection on Dec. 11, 2016

Weekly	\$ 805.00
Fuel	\$ 178.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 5.00
Religious Retirement	\$ 94.00
Immaculate Concept.	\$ 81.00
Cookie Walk	\$ 1,162.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 102.00
	\$ 2,289.00
Cemetery	\$ 20.00

UPCOMING EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR ST. PATRICK'S PARISH CENTER

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

WEEKLY ENVELOPES:

THIS WEEKEND: Regular Weekly/Christmas
Flowers/Bldg Maintenance

NEXT WEEKEND: Regular Weekly/Christmas/
Flowers

Short Excerpts

Taken from Pope Francis' Addresses And Homilies

"DO NOT FEAR SOLIDARITY"

Where does the multiplication of the loaves come from? The answer lies in Jesus' request to the disciples: "You give them. . .," "to give," to share. What do the disciples share? The little they have: five loaves and two fish. However, it is those very loaves and fish in the Lord's hands that feed the entire crowd. And it is the disciples themselves, bewildered as they face the insufficiency of their means, the poverty of what they are able to make available, who get the people to sit down and who—trusting in Jesus' words—distribute the loaves and fish that satisfy the crowd. And this tells us that in the Church, but also in society, a key word of which we must not be frightened is "solidarity," that is, the ability to make what we have, our humble capacities, available to God. For only in sharing, in giving, will our lives be fruitful. Solidarity is a word seen badly by the spirit of the world!

This excerpt was taken from the book, "*Pope Francis Speaks to Our Hearts, Words of Challenge and Hope*" by the Word Among Us.

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The 2016 St. Patrick's Cookie Walk was a huge success. \$1,162.50 was raised. A sincere thank you to all cookie bakers, cookie buyers, and helpers who contributed to the success of the 19th Cookie Walk.

- Thank you

DECEMBER MEETINGS & EVENTS

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

- **RCIA:** Mon. Dec. 19, 7 p.m. **Family Center**
- **BIBLE STUDY:** Wed. Dec. 21, 6:30-8 p.m. There will be no class on Dec. 28th.
- **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.
- **FAITH FORMATION:** Tue. Jan. 17, at 6:30 p.m.

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.

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.

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

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.



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 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

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.

A CHRISTMAS POEM FOR YOU . . .

Loving God, Help us remember the birth of Jesus,
that we may share in the song of the angels,
the gladness of the shepherds,
and worship of the wise men.
Close the door of hate
and open the door of love all over the world.
Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with
every greeting.
Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings,
and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.
May the Christmas morning make us happy to be Thy
children,
and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful
thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake.
Amen.

~ Robert Louis Stevenson

Kid's Corner

Christmas Word Search

Christmas Tree

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H Y H
M R H K O
S A I G D G A
V G G R E E N H F
I W O X R
N C B R C E N
S A A G N I T B R
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C J A
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Angel
Boughs
Christmas
Excitement

Green
Joy
Lights
Magical

Ornaments
Presents
Santa Claus
Snow

Tree
Twinkle
Winter