

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

Dec. 24, 2017



This by Henry Ossawa Tanner (1859-1937). "One of his earliest, and today most famous, religious paintings is "The Annunciation," from 1898. Mary sits on the edge of her bed, hands clasped, staring with a look of attentive, concerned awe at Gabriel, who is portrayed as a glowing presence that illuminates the room and has kicked up the rug at her bare feet.

Often this story is interpreted with a winged angel, cherubs and a demure, haloed Mary surrounded by symbols of her purity. Tanner, however, paints it as a realist. The arched walls, stone floor and screen behind Mary reflect the artist's research in Palestine. Gabriel is represented as a suspended pillar of light made up of multiple layers of thickly applied yellow and orange paint. Tanner depicts the heavenly messenger in a manner that conveys an unmistakable presence without introducing an overtly celestial figure into Mary's rustic abode. The artist achieves a powerful evocation of the divine as something beyond what can be given figurative form. Tanner also shows the profound transformation of Mary's identity in a manner that brings together the earthly and the divine." (America Magazine, March 19, 2012.)

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday	Dec.	23	4:00 p.m.	<i>Bill Dinan, 20th Anniversary, req. by his family</i>
Sunday	Dec.	24	8:30 a.m.	<i>Mass at St. Patrick Church—Deceased Members of St. Patrick Church</i>
<i>Please note the time change</i>				<i>Mass at St. Ann Church</i>
Christmas Vigil Masses				<i>Christmas Eve Vigil Mass at St. Ann</i>
				<i>Christmas Eve Vigil Mass at St. Vincent de Paul</i>
				<i>Christmas Eve Vigil Mass at St. Patrick Church</i>
				<i>Christmas Eve Vigil Mass at St. Ann</i>
Monday	Dec.	25	10:00 a.m.	<i>Christmas Day Mass St. Ann Church</i>
Tuesday	Dec.	26		<i>No Mass or Communion Service today</i>
Wednesday	Dec.	27	7:00 a.m.	<i>Stella & Al Markey, req. by their daughter Cheri Allison and family</i>
Thursday	Dec.	28	7:00 a.m.	<i>Alice Rennie, Birthday Remembrance, req. by her family</i>
Friday	Dec.	29	7:00 a.m.	<i>Communion Service</i>
Saturday	Dec.	30	4:00 p.m.	<i>Shawn Mahoney, req. by his family</i>
				<i>St. Vincent de Paul Church - Susan Cosgrove</i>
Sunday	Dec.	31	8:30 a.m.	<i>Mass at St. Patrick Church—World Peace</i>
				<i>Dr. Hugo Scarinzi, req. by a friend</i>
				<i>Dr. Richard Lynch, req. by his wife</i>
Monday	Jan.	1	10:00 a.m.	<i>New Year's Day</i>

ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE "Weekly Collection" Summary

COLLECTION ON DEC. 17, 2017

"WEEKLY COLLECTION:" \$ 6,145
AMOUNT NEEDED EACH WEEKEND: \$ 4,827

AMOUNT NEEDED JULY-NOVEMBER \$ 105,000
AMOUNT RECEIVED: \$ 95,962
TOTAL UNDER BUDGET \$ -9,038

Please consider using WeShare for your contributions

THANK YOU! WE DEPEND ON YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

Please pray for the deceased, including **Jean Kergaravat**, **Julie Lagonia**, mother of Gene Lagonia of our Cemetery crew, and **Ann Collins**, mother of Libby Collins, secretary at St. Mary's Church in Lee, and the sick.

St. Ann's Music Corner

Hymn of the Week: "Joy To The World"

Youth Choir—9:45 a.m. Mass

Rehearsal: 8:30 a.m.

Weekly Envelopes:

This Weekend: Regular Weekly/Christmas/Christmas Flowers/

Next Weekend: Regular Weekly/Solemnity of Mary

CCD News

- **K-4th Grade** - Sun. Jan. 7, 9:45 a.m. Bring your child (ren) to Mass. Next class Jan. 12.
- **5-8th Grade** - Sun. Feb. 18, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the family center. Next class is Mar. 4.
- **9 & 10 Grade** - Sun. Feb. 18, at 6:30 in the family center. Next class is Mar. 4.

OUR SANCTUARY CANDLE
BURNS FOR
MICHAEL SARKIS



Merry Christmas
**From Msgr. John,
Deacons Dan and John
And the staff!!**



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

		<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>
WEEKEND OF DEC. 23 & 24				
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	H. Cowhig	C. Kirby, F. McClenachan	M. Ward
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	N. Roche	N. Armstrong, G. McCormack	I. & J. Cooney
<i>Christmas Eve</i>	4:00 p.m.		Please sign up in the sacristy	
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Monday	10:00 a.m.	<i>Christmas Day</i>	Please sign up in the Sacristy	
WEEKEND OF DEC. 30 & 31				
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	R. Casey	C. Meisberger, S. Merlino	A. & I. Conlon
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	J. Hopper	P. Archey, J. Lane	E. Saupé
	11:15 a.m.	volunteer needed	volunteers needed	volunteer needed
NEW YEARS DAY				
Monday	10:00 a.m.	Please sign up in the sacristy		please sign up

COFFEE HOUR TEAMS FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Dec. 31st - Team #5 Captain: Amy Novitsky

Helpers: Dick and Jean Drees, Marybeth Mitts.

Bakers: L. Vitale, Gaye Weinberger.

Jan. 7th—Team #1 Captain: Carol Kirby & Millie Kirby

Bakers: Tracy Reis, Sarah Williams, & Gina Kirchner.

National Memorial March for the Pre-Born and Their Mothers and Fathers.

The 24th Annual National Memorial for the Pre-Born and their Mothers and Fathers **March for Life** in Washington, DC, will be held on Jan. 19, 2018, at historic DAR Constitution Hall. The walk will be from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., at 1776 D. Street, NW (18th and D St.). Admission is free. Doors open at 7 a.m. and a Catholic Mass will be held at 7:30 a.m. Homilist will be Fr. Frank Pavone, National Director, Priests for Life.

Mass Citizens for Life N. Adams Chapter is again sponsoring a bus to the March. Join us as we stand up for the right to life of unborn children. We are accepting early reservations, by phone only. Call Robin at 743-1329 for more information and to reserve your seat today. We ask for a \$25 donation per person, and will gladly accept donations to help defray the cost of the bus. (Donations should be sent to MCFL, 6 Bob's Hill, Adams MA 01220) Thank-you for your support.

Thank you to Sean & Kathy Wilson of St. Patrick parish for again this year putting up our Rectory manger and providing lights and hay. We appreciate your quiet dedication to the season and to St. Ann's. God Bless you both.

Changes to our Online Giving Program

Liturgical Publications Inc., has recently purchased ParishPay, our on-line giving program. The new name is **WeShare** and the new link to sign up or make changes to an existing account is:

<https://stannlenox.churchgiving.com>

Twelfth Night Festival—The Twelfth Night Committee is happy to announce that the 57th celebration of the festival will begin at the 4 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church on Jan. 6, followed immediately with appetizers, dinner and dancing at the Parish Center. **St Ann's Youth Ensemble has been invited to be the featured choir for the event!** **They will perform 20 minutes before and the Mass.** Tickets are \$35 and are very limited in the number available. They are now available at St. Joseph Rectory through Dec. 29th, between 9 and 3, Mon.-Fri. Reservation may be made by calling LouAnn at 447-7911. Tables are set for 8 to 10 people.

Are you sending Christmas Cards this year? If you are, you might be interested in extending Seasons Greetings to the priests and deacons 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
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Longmeadow, MA 01106

Deacon John Zick
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DECEMBER 24, 2017

Saint Patrick Church

West Stockbridge, MA
Mass Intention for Dec. 24, 2017

Deceased Members of St. Patrick Church

LECTOR

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

ALTAR SERVER

WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 24

Sunday	8:30 a.m.	J. Kujawski	K. Davis	L. O'Gara
	7:30 p.m.	J. Biggs	B. Biggs	L. O'Gara

WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 31

Sunday	8:30 a.m.	J. Biggs	B. Biggs	L. O'Gara
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ST. PATRICK STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Collection on Dec. 17, 2017

Weekly	\$	1,231.00
Fuel	\$	10.00
Immaculate Conc.	\$	26.00
Donation	\$	75.00
Clothing Shed	\$	55.76
Religious Retirement	\$	5.00
Christmas Flowers	\$	75.00
Christmas	\$	300.00
Bldg & Maint.	\$	145.00
	\$	1,922.76
Cemetery	\$	24.00

WEEKLY ENVELOPES:

THIS WEEKEND: Regular Weekly/Christmas Flowers

MONDAY, DEC. 25: Christmas Day

NEXT WEEKEND: Regular Weekly/Solemnity of Mary/New Year's Offering

UPCOMING EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR ST. PATRICK'S PARISH CENTER

SUN. DEC. 24: Coffee Hour following Mass

SUN. DEC. 31: Coffee Hour following Mass



MERRY CHRISTMAS

from Msgr. John
Deacons John and Dan
and the staff!

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The Annual Diocesan Appeal for the College of Our Lady of the Elms—the Catholic College of Western Massachusetts—will be made throughout the Dioceses at all Masses on Jan. 7 and 8. **Elms College** educates young women and men to be reflective, principled, and creative leaders in the tradition of the Sisters of St. Joseph, and offers scholarships for students to make this faith-based education more affordable. The need for your support is great. There is an envelope in your packet for your convenience. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you.

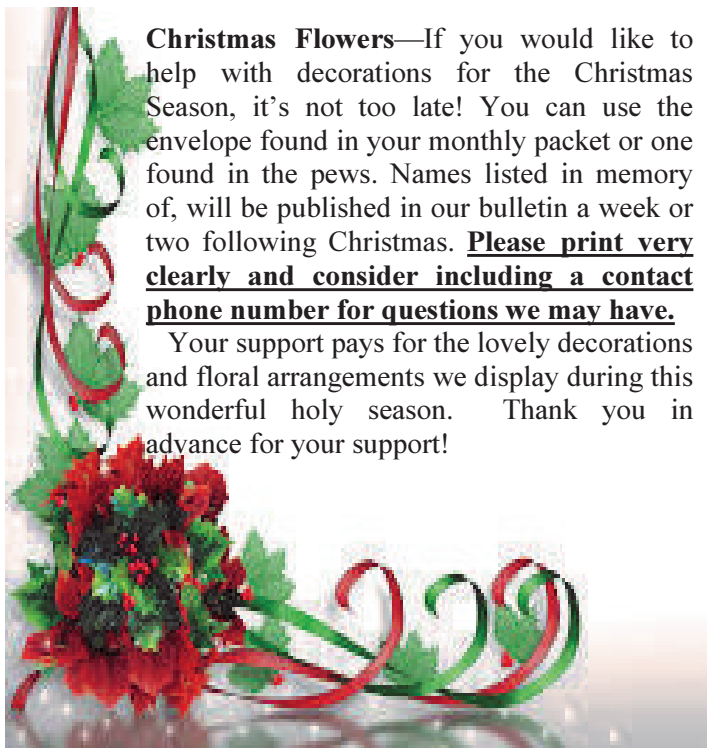


The **2017 St. Patrick's Cookie Walk** was a huge success. \$1,240.75 was raised. A sincere thank you to all cookie bakers, cookie buyers, and helpers who contributed to the success of the 20th Cookie Walk.

DECEMBER MEETINGS & EVENTS

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

- **LETTERS OF ST. PAUL, BIBLE STUDY:** Thu. December 28, 6:30 to 8 p.m.
- **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. (except the first Friday of the month)
- **BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS:** 1st Sunday of the month between the 9:45 & 11:15 Masses.



Christmas Flowers—If you would like to help with decorations for the Christmas Season, it's not too late! You can use the envelope found in your monthly packet or one found in the pews. Names listed in memory of, will be published in our bulletin a week or two 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 season. Thank you in advance for your support!

It is with the deepest gratitude that **Pregnancy Support Services of Berkshire Co, Inc.**, accepts the beautiful gifts recently donated to our organization. Truckloads of diapers, wipes, clothing, food, lotions, soaps, pack and plays, etc..., all will be put to good use in aiding our clients. May you be richly blessed for all these donations and those we receive weekly from your generous parishioners.

As a footnote, when shopping Amazon: if you designate our organization in the Amazon Smile Program, EIN 23-7288887, 0.5% of your purchase price will be donated to us, at no cost to the customer. Every cent or donation that is given through the church giving basket OR on line, aids us in supporting life in all its early stages.

Thank you so much.

St. Ann needs to hire a new **DRE** for its Religious Education Program. If you are interested in this paid position, please contact Monsignor John Bonzagni or the Church office at 413-637-0157, right away.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Fourth Sunday of Advent:

- **Saturday, Dec. 23** Masses as usual, 4 at St. Ann and 5: 30 p.m. at St. Vincent de Paul
- **Sunday, Dec. 24, Christmas Eve:**
 - 8:30 a.m. St. Patrick Church**
 - 10 a.m. ONLY St. Ann**
 - 4 p.m. St. Ann**
 - 5:30 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul**
 - 7:30 p.m. St. Patrick Church**
 - 10 p.m. St. Ann**
- **Monday, Dec. 25, Christmas Day:** 10 a.m. St. Ann
- **Tuesday, Dec. 26, No Mass or Communion Service Today.**
- **Saturday, Dec. 30th, & Sunday, Dec. 31st, The Feast of the Holy Family—Regular Weekend Schedule**
- **Monday, Jan. 1, 2018, 10 a.m. Mary Mother of God (Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.)**

KID'S CORNER

