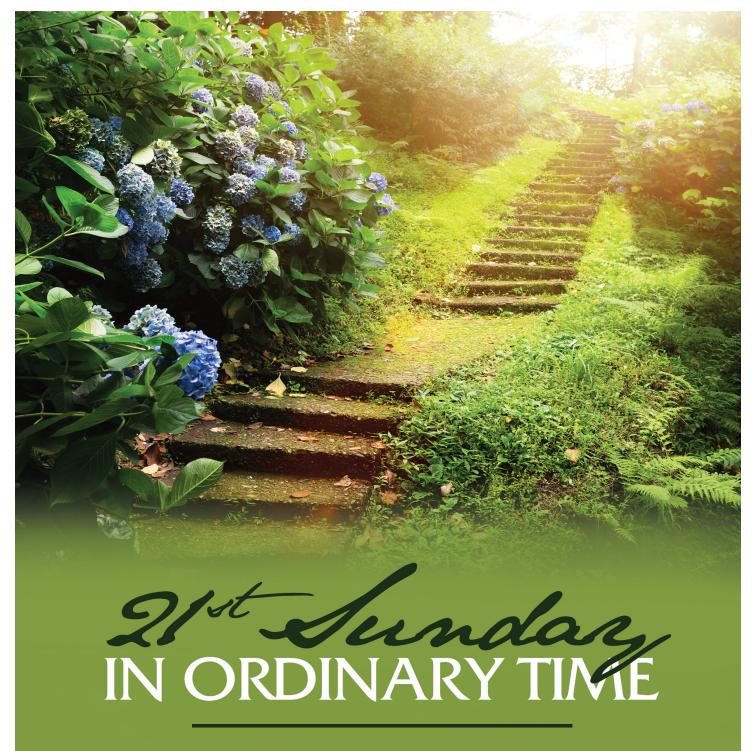
August 26, 2018

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



Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." - Jn 6:68

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.



Saturday	Aug	25	4:00 p.m.	Shawn Mahoney, req. by his family
Sunday	Aug	26	9:45 a.m.	Mass For The people of St. Ann, St. Patrick & St. Vincent de Paul parishes
			11:15 a.m.	Mary G. Maciora-Jacobs, 1st Anniversary, req. by Joseph Maciora
Monday	Aug.	27	7:00 a.m.	Mass For The people of St. Ann, St. Patrick & St. Vincent de Paul parishes
Tuesday	Aug.	28	7:00 a.m.	Mary Roy, req. by the parish of St. Ann
Wednesday	Aug	29	7:00 a.m.	Charlie Liston, req. by Bart and Nan Natoli
Thursday	Aug	30	7:00 a.m.	Deceased Sisters of our Dioceses
Friday	Aug	31	7:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Saturday	Sept	1	4:00 p.m.	Deceased Priests of our Diocese
			5:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Church — Frank Igo
Sunday	Sept.	2	8:30 a.m.	St. Patrick Church — Frances Byrne
			9:45 a.m.	John Gallagher, req. by his family
			11:15 a.m.	Mass For The people of St. Ann, St. Patrick & St. Vincent de Paul parishes

ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE "Month of May Collection" Summary

AS OF JULY 31 2018

"LAST MONTH WEEKLY COLLECTIONS:" JULY WESHARE:	\$ 4,439
JULY TOTALS: WEEKLY COLLECTIONS:	\$ 25,373
Amount Needed For Month of July	\$ 23,917
AMOUNT NEEDED JULY-JULY	\$ 23,917
AMOUNT RECEIVED:	\$ 25,373
TOTAL OVER BUDGET	\$ 1,456

Please consider using WeShare for your contributions <u>https://stannlenox.churchgiving.com</u>

THANK YOU! WE DEPEND ON YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

Weekly Envelopes:

This Weekend: Regular Weekly Next Weekend: Regular Weekly/Grounds

ST. JOSEPH'S CEMETERY (PITTSFIELD) FLOWER REMOVAL — Please remove all decorations by Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 3rd. Fall and winter decorations are not allowed until Nov. 1st.

Cemetery gates will close at dusk beginning Sept. 3rd.

Please pray for the **deceased**, **including**, **Mary Roy**, **Mary Meyer and Charlie Liston**, and the sick.

Religious Education Corner

Middle School Students Grade 6-8—Mandatory Retreat with New Sprit Inc.. Please save the date: Monday, Sept. 24, 2018, from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The retreat events will include singing, skits, small and large group discussions and prayer. Pizza will be served!

<u>Parents!</u> <u>Please email me at</u> <u>stannccd2@gmail.com to confirm that your</u> <u>student will be at this retreat. Thank you.</u>

- Joan



CAN YOU HELP?

We are looking for a St. Ann parishioner who might be willing to occasionally give a ride to an 88

year old woman, to and from the 4 p.m. Mass, who lives in the vicinity of the Cemetery.

If you can help, please call Deacon John Zick at 232—0137. Thank you.

LECTORS

WEEKEND OF AUGUST 25 & 26

Saturday Sunday 4 p.m.S. Merlino9:45 a.m.H. Biernacki11:15 a.m.M. Wilser

WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 1 & 2 Saturday 4 p.m. M. Mor

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 M. Herman

 11:15 a.m.
 E. Bride

COFFEE HOUR TEAMS FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Sept. 2nd—<u>Team #1</u> Captain: Carol Kirby & Millie Kirby

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

Sept. 9th—<u>Team #2</u> Captain: Francine Shelhamer & Jeffrey Kane

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

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS: Please feel free to join us **Friday**, **Sept. 7th** for our First Friday Devotions. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed following 7 a.m. Mass and conclude with Benediction at noon. If you would care to sign up for an hour and be present in the Family Center during that time, the sign-up book is located inside the Family Center.

Short Excerpts Taken from Pope Francis Speaks To Families

The Family That Prays Together Stays Together

Don't forget: the family that prays together stays together! This is important. There we come to know God, to grow into men and women of faith, to see ourselves as members of God's greater family, the Church. In the family we learn how to love, to forgive, to be generous and open, not closed and selfish. We learn to move beyond our own needs, to encounter others and share our lives with them. That is why it is so important to pray as a family! So important! That is why families are so important in God's plan for the Church!

This excerpt was taken from the book, "*Pope Francis Speaks to Families*" by the Word Among Us.

C. Meisberger, M. Moran P. Archey, N. Armstrong L. Loring, J. Healy

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

P. Scarsi, B. Bilyeu C. Gallenberger, J. Lane D. Zola, L. Franzoni

OUR SANCTUARY CANDLE

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ANNUAL ST. JOSEPH FESTIVAL OF SHARING ROOTS

Sunday, Sept. 9, from noon until 4 p.m. on the grounds of St. Joseph Parish, 414 North St., Pittsfield, the parish will host their Annual Festival of Sharing Roots event. Admission and Kiddy Land is free. Entertainment will begin at 12:30, featuring local vocalists, dancers, musicians. Food booths will represent American, African, Brazilian, French, Italian, Lebanese and Polish. Activities in Kiddy Land will include a family fun event with face painting and games. We are offering a 50/50 raffle, food basket raffle, toy raffle and lottery ticket raffle. Bring your lawn chair for an afternoon of fun and enjoyment.

Pro-Life Vigil Planned

Please join Catholics for the Unborn for a prolife vigil on Thursday, Sept. 13th at 10 a.m., in the Holy Spirit Chapel, St. Michael's Cathedral in Springfield. The vigil begins with Exposition, Recitation of the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet then Adoration. At noon there will be Benediction followed by Daily Mass. Please support our efforts to protect innocent unborn life through prayer. Come for part or the whole vigil. For more information call Marilyn at (413) 567-6085.

MASSTIMES.ORG

Mass times for travel — The oldest and best place to find Mass Times for most churches.

ALTAR SERVERS

M. & T. Léger I. & J. Cooney Volunteer needed

JT Novitsky S. Herman **Volunteer needed** AUGUST 26, 2018

Saint Patrick Church

West Stockbridge, MA

Mass Intention for Aug. 26, 2018

Joseph & Ann Angelini, req. by their family

	LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC MINISTER	ALTAR SERVER
WEEKEND OF AUG. 26 8:30 a.m.	M. McMahon	K. Davis, V. D'Aniello	L. O'Gara
WEEKEND OF SEPT. 2 8:30 a.m.	M. McMahon	K. Davis, V. D'Aniello	L. O'Gara

ST. PATRICK STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Collection on July 19, 2018

\$	20.00
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\$	155.00
\$	38.39
\$	120.00
\$	1,279.39
\$	20.00
	<u>\$</u> \$

WEEKLY ENVELOPES:

THIS WEEKEND: Regular Weekly/Bldg Maintenance NEXT WEEKEND: Regular Weekly/Monthly Fuel/Cemetery

Used Clothing Drop-Off Shed ~ Please remember our used clothing drop-off shed. All clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, pillowcases, drapes, and stuffed toys will be accepted.

Sexual Abuse Hotline 1-800-842-9055

UPCOMING EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR ST. PATRICK'S PARISH CENTER

SUN. AUG. 26: Coffee Hour following Mass **SUN. SEPT. 2:** Coffee Hour following Mass

ALIGHT BABY BOTTLE DRIVE The Alight Care

Center offers support to mothers and families serving the community with free programs, pregnancy tests and ultra-sounds. You will find bottles in the rear of the Church. Please fill them with your loose change in support of the good work of this organization. **The Baby Bottle Drive**



ends on Labor Day. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



FIRST FRIDAY

Please join us in St. Patrick's Chapel on **Friday, Sept. 7th,** for our First Friday Devotions. We will begin at 6:30 p.m. with Benediction. Evening prayer and the Rosary will follow.

If you have your cell phone with you today, please turn it off or turn it to vibrate during Mass. Thank you.



AUGUST MEETINGS & EVENTS

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

- ST. ANN'S WALKING GROUP: Tuesdays at 8:30 a.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.

Medical Equipment Loan Program

This is a reminder that St. Ann Parish has a medical equipment loan program for all parishioners to take advantage. If you think you will need a piece of medical equipment at home, for a short period, check with us before you go out and buy it. We are currently out of canes and are particularly interested in 4prong canes. If you have either of these items that you are not using and would like to donate them, give Dianne a call. Also, if you have borrowed items from our loan program and no longer need them, please remember to return them to our center as other people can use them. Call Dianne, at 637-2684.



During these hot summer days, Monsignor John wants you to know that it's okay to bring a bottle of water into church with you during Mass.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

A pilgrimage to Medjugorje will leave on Nov. 4 and return on Nov. 12, 2018. We will stay with the visionary Mirjana near Apparition Hill. Our Spiritual Directors will be Fr. Timothy Campoli and Deacon John Leary. Many spiritual activities will take place, including daily Mass. A day trip to Dubrovnik on the beautiful Adriatic Sea, is included. The cost is \$2,399 which includes airfare, tour guide, hotel, and two meals a day. A bus to and from Logan Airport will be arranged if there is interest. For more information, contact Helen Shea Murphy at: www.pilgrimages.com/helensheamurphy

or <u>helensheamurphy@verizon.net</u> or 413-773-8890.

Lenox Food Pantry

As fall approaches we are reminded that the Lenox Food Pantry could use our help in stocking the pantry shelves. There are many families in need of a little bit of extra help and St. Ann Parish and the Lenox Food Pantry are vital parts of that help.

The pantry's shelves could use stocking with everyday items, so please remember to bring a nonperishable food item to church with you whenever possible.

There is a box for you to drop your donation in, just inside the main doors of the church. **Just a reminder**: when making a donation of canned goods, please be aware of the expiration date printed on the item. St. Ann's cannot bring the item to the pantry if the date has come and gone, nor can the pantry give out the item to anyone. Thank you in advance for your kindness.

WeShare — Our Online Giving Program

Liturgical Publications Inc., has 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

HAVE YOU MOVED RECENTLY?

If you answered yes to this question, we would appreciate it if you let our parish office know, 232-4427. It helps us keep our records in good order. Thank you.



THE DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS serving berkshire, franklin, hampden & hampshire counties

My dear friends,

Like all of you, I am outraged and deeply saddened by recent news reports outlining past failures by the church and its leadership to protect against the abuse of children and young adults. While the recounting of these tragic actions can be disheartening and painful, it is important that we listen carefully and realize the ongoing consequences resulting from these past failures. We cannot move on without first recognizing the pain and suffering of so many of our brothers and sisters, caused not just by their abusers but by past church leadership which failed to recognize and take actions to protect our young people. Since arriving as your bishop four years ago, I have had the somber task of meeting with victims of abuse and their family members. While I cannot undo the great harm done to them, I can promise victims, their loved ones and the entire community that I remain firmly committed to rooting out this evil in our midst. The failure by any member of the clergy, religious or laity to strictly implement, as well as adhere to, our policies and guidelines will result in removal from ministry. I remain committed to these ongoing diocesan efforts as well as seeking ways to improve upon them so as to foster safe environments within our faith communities. This includes but is not limited to continuing to provide extensive and ongoing counseling services as well as other assistance to victims. In addition, we have posted on our diocesan website, diospringfield.org information on recognizing and reporting abuse. I encourage anyone who has been a victim of child sexual abuse by any employee of the Roman Catholic Church to come forward by contacting Patricia Finn McManamy, LICSW, director of the Office of Child and Youth Protection, at (413) 452-0624, by confidential toll-free number at (800) 842-9055 or by email at p.mcmanamy@diospringfield.org. I also recognize that for this to be truly effective, it must be a commitment undertaken at every level of our church's leadership. As such, I add my voice to that of many other bishops, clergy, religious and laity – encouraging greater reforms and transparency on the part of the global church. Finally, I ask the entire diocesan community to offer prayers for all victims of abuse and their loved ones and join me in promising them that we will take every effort to avoid any repeat of past failures. Prayerfully yours,

+*Mitchell T. Rozanski* Bishop of Springfield, MA