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



19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. - Mt 14:28-29



Saturday	Aug.	8	4:00 p.m.	Cecil Driscoll, req. by her sister, Anne Motta
Sunday	Aug.	9	9:45 a.m.	Adelene Bligh Cowhig, req. by her family
	_		11:15 a.m.	Fred Bonak, req. by his classmate, Maggie Menatti
Monday	Aug.	10	7:00 a.m.	Joan Reidy, req. by the parish of St. Ann
Tuesday	Aug.	11	7:00 a.m.	Moody Brown, req. by the parish of St. Ann
Wednesday	Aug.	12	7:00 a.m.	Ed Mendes, req. by Charlie and Diane
Thursday	Aug	13	7:00 a.m.	The people of St. Ann, St. Patrick and St. Vincent de Paul parishes
Friday	Aug.	14	7:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Saturday	Aug.	15	4:00 p.m.	Ismael & Mercedes Gorostiza, req. by The Florez and Ferraro families
	_		5:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Church — Clelia Martinelli, req. by her family
Sunday	Aug.	16	8:00 a.m.	St. Patrick Church — Annie M. Quinn
			9:45 a.m.	Richard C. Gilson, B'Day Remembrance, req. by his children
			11:15 a.m.	To the Lenox High School, Class of 2020
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During these hot summer days, Msgr. John wants you to know that it's okay to bring a bottle of water into church with you during Mass.

The Clothing Shed at St. Patrick Church is temporarily closed due to the Covid-19 virus closing the boarders. St. Pauly is unable to distribute clothing worldwide at this time. They will continue to update us as things change.

Thank you for your support.

Donations: There are baskets in the front and back of St. Ann's for parishioners attending Mass to place their donations. If you are attending from one of our other parishes, we will forward your donation to the appropriate church. **Your check should be made payable to your own parish.** There will be no collection taken up during Mass until all state and diocesan restrictions are lifted.

We appreciate your continued support during this difficult time.

Annual Baby Bottle Loose Change Drive

St. Patrick Parish will once again be supporting the Alight Care Center's Baby Bottle Drive. The Alight Center teaches individuals to make healthy life choices related to their sexuality and child bearing with education and programs Please take and fill a baby bottle with loose change and return the bottle to St. Patrick Church by Labor Day. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

The Lenox Food Bank Needs Our Help?

The Lenox Food Pantry is running low on the following items:

- ♦ Mac & Cheese
- **♦** Cleaning Supplies
- **♦** Canned Carrots
- **♦** Canned Mixed Vegetables
- **♦** Canned Potatoes

Please try to remember to bring an item to church with you either during weekday Mass or on the weekend and leave it in the box located inside the main doors of the church. We will make sure it is delivered to our local food bank. With our churches closed during March, April and May, donations to our Food Banks have been drastically impacted. They really need our help to re-stock their shelves. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

A CULTURAL CRISIS

The family is experiencing a profound cultural crisis, as are all communities and social bonds. In the case of the family, the weakening of these bonds is particularly serious because the family is the fundamental cell of society, where we learn to live with others despite our differences and to belong to one another; it is also the place where parents pass on the faith to their children. Marriage now tends to be viewed as a form of mere emotional satisfaction that can be constructed in any way or modified at will. But the indispensable contribution of marriage to society transcends the feelings and momentary needs of the couple. As the French bishops have taught, it is not born "of loving sentiment, ephemeral by definition, but from the depth of the obligation assumed by the spouses who accept to enter a total communion life."

This excerpt was taken from the book, "Pope Francis Speaks to Families. Words of Joy and Life." by The Word Among Us.