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150th Anniversary 1871-2021

February 14, 2021



SATURDAY, February 13, Weekday
 8:00 AM for the soul of Mary Fitzpatrick

SATURDAY, February 13, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 4:00 PM for the soul of Lee Shumway

SUNDAY, February 14, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 AM for the soul of Max Stosz Sr.
 10:30 AM for the soul of Angelo & Marietta Iantosca
 12:30 PM soul of Maria Ponce & Antonio Gutiérrez

MONDAY, February 15, Weekday
 8:00 AM the souls of Alfred & Henrietta LaeVerdiere

TUESDAY, February 16, Weekday
 8:00 AM for the souls of Frank & Kaktkhryn Basile

WEDNESDAY, February 17, Ash Wednesday
 8:00 AM for the soul of Frances Lysonski
 12:00 Noon for the soul of Pauline Volpe
 3:00 PM for the soul of John Bak
 6:00 PM for the soul of John Conlon

THURSDAY, February 18, Thursday after Ash Wednesday
 8:00 AM for the soul of Mary Ford

FRIDAY, February 19, Friday after Ash Wednesday
 8:00 AM for the health of Maria Ziomek

SATURDAY, February 20, Saturday after Ash Wednesday
 8:00 AM for the soul of John Gedmin

SATURDAY, February 21, First Sunday of Lent
 4:00 PM for the soul of Maria Mujica

SUNDAY, February 22, First Sunday of Lent
 8:00 AM for the soul of Stanley Stosz
 10:30 AM for the soul of Edward Warner
 12:30 PM for the soul of Rosa Maria Tosky

Peter Kaslauskas

Peter was born April 29, 1923 to John and Ruth Kaslauskas. Peter is a lifelong member of St. Brigid's Parish who has lived all of his 97 years in either Cushman or North Amherst. He still lives in the North Amherst home that his father built. Peter, a devoted catholic, received the sacraments of Baptism (1922). First Communion (1932) and Confirmation (1938) here at St. Brigid's. On April 26 1947 he married the former Veronica Descarage at St. Mary's Church in Northampton. Peter was employed at Amherst College for 40 years as a painter and glazier. Peter also drove a school bus route for many years in Amherst. He still enjoys seeing people that rode on his bus and hearing that many of their children had him for a driver as well. Peter was an avid hunter fisherman and enjoyed his many fishing trips to the Quabbin with his brothers Joe and Adam. Peter enjoys gardening and still has a grows his own tomatoes, pepper, green beans cucumber and squash. He could often be seen "helping and supervising" Paul Kosloski with his large Leverett garden. Peter is a Boston sports fan who enjoys watching the Red Sox, Celtics, Patriots and Bruins with his grandson Kevin. At 97 Peter still live alone, but is greatly loved and support by his family Susan, Eric, Kevin and Kimberly.



ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 17
 The Congregation for Divine Worship has released a note laying out the procedures priests around the world are to follow for the distribution of ashes at the start of Lent.

Instructions After blessing the ashes and sprinkling them with holy water in silence, the priest addresses those present, reciting once the formula found in the Roman Missal: "Repent, and believe in the Gospel" or "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return". At that point, the note continues, the priest "cleanses his hands, puts on a face mask, and distributes ashes to those who come to him or, if appropriate, he goes to those who are standing in their places." He then sprinkles the ashes on each person's head "without saying anything."



Wednesday at 8:00 am, 12:00noon, 3:00 pm and 6:00 pm
Sundays at 6:00 - Tuesdays at 6:00 - Thursdays at 6:00

LENTEN REGULATIONS

1. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of abstinence from meat as well as days of fast, when only one full meal is allowed.

On days of fast two other meatless meals may be taken according to one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal.
2. The other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat.
3. The obligation to abstain from meat begins at fourteen (14) years of age.
4. The obligation to fast begins at eighteen (18) years of age and ends at fifty-nine (59) years of age.

Although the faithful may excuse themselves for a just cause from these laws of fast and abstinence, there is an obligation to substitute another penance and no Catholic should lightly excuse himself/herself from this obligation in the Lenten season.

Mary Warner

Mary was born on December 3, 1922 to Henry T and Elizabeth V. Martin. The family lived in town and were involved in the Knights of Columbus, Daughters of Isabella and the Ancient Order of the Hibernians. Mary graduated from Amherst High School in 1940 and started Mass State College that same year. In Mary's Junior year she was recruited by Curtiss Wright to train at an engineering college so they could expand their engineering staff. Mary completed her aeronautical engineering work at Cornell University's College of Engineering and then worked in Curtiss Wrights plant in Buffalo NY. In 1946 Mary receive a BA in English from Mass State College. She worked as a technical writer for Fisher Body of General Motor and the Wind Tunnel Research program at Pratt & Whitney.

On January 25, 1947 Mary married Edward C. Warner

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Parish Budget..... \$4,800.00

During this time of the year it is important to thank you!

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VALENTINE'S DAY ANNIVERSARY

Anniversaries at the 10:30 Mass! February 14, 2021! Please join us for this special Mass to celebrate your Anniversary! All are welcome! A renewal of our marriage vows will be recited during Mass. A reception in the parish center will follow. There will be a gift for the couple celebrating the longest number of years together. Another couple will receive a gift chosen by a random drawing. If you plan on attending, please call 256 6181 Bring your loved one to our Anniversary Mass before Valentine's Day! Renew your marriage vows and celebrate the family! There is a reception immediately after the Mass! What a great way to honor the Sacrament of Marriage and your family! Please join us!

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, February 17 the beginning of Lent
8:00 AM 12:00 Noon
3:00 PM & 6:00 PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
(EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT)
FRIDAY AT 3:00 PM & 6:00 en español

Celebrating Catholic Hope

Thank you to all who prepared the Mass on Monday, February 1 for the 150th anniversary. The theme was Celebrating Catholic Hope. Thank you to the choir, to all who helped with invitations, history, honorees, all who attended the Mass, the photographer and to the parishioners of St. Brigid's.

Pauline Lannon

Pauline is the daughter of Max and Alice (Mitchell) Stosz and a lifelong resident of Amherst and member of St. Brigid's. Pauline attended the local schools and is a graduate of University Without Walls at UMass. Pauline started her working career by working for two years with the Massachusetts Department of Health, Food and Drug Division and then working two years for Tuberculosis Control for Alaska in Anchorage. In 1964 she began working for Howard Atkins at Atkins Fruit Bowl and is currently the majority owner and President. She is the Parish Council President, member of the Finance Committee, Cemetery Committee and 150th Anniversary Committee. In 1961 Pauline married Wayne "Tippie" Lannon and is the mother of two sons, Michael and Matthew.

Patrick Como

Patrick is a graduate of Amherst Regional High School and is now a sophomore at UMass. Patrick misses being on campus and interacting with other students. Patrick has been an altar server since he was in the third grade and was always willing to serve whenever needed and willingly helped new altar servers to learn the ropes. He also helped with the children's Christmas and Halloween parties, the Lasagna Dinner for the Needy and anywhere he is needed. Because he had learned Spanish, he was able to help translate questions on several occasions. Patrick has also helped with many Knights of Columbus dinners and events.

Abigail Como

Abby is a 9th grader at Amherst Regional High School who enjoys playing her two favorite sports volleyball and lacrosse. Abby has been an altar server since she was in the third grade and is always willing to serve whenever needed. She also has helped with the children's Christmas and Halloween parties, the Lasagna Dinner for the Needy and anywhere she is needed. Abby also has helped with many Knights of Columbus dinners and events.

John Leonard Sr.

John and Cindy have four children Alyssa, Brianna, John Jr. and Ryan. John is currently the principal at Chicopee Academy in Chicopee MA. He enjoys working with this population and spends time with his students and families aiding them in learning the value of a high school education. Before becoming principal John taught 9th and 10th grade math at Chicopee Academy. In the early 1980's John was drafted by the New York Knicks and later became the assistant basketball coach at UMass. John and his family have been members of St. Brigid's parish for 20 years and during that time he has been active in many of our activities and events. John and his family always attended the children's Christmas Mass and participated in the pageant, along with his sons they put up Giving Tree every year, participates in the Giving Tree and deliver Holiday Baskets to shut-ins. John has organized the Mardi Gras celebration (with the help of his wife Cindy), is a member of the Parish Council and is always willing to assist with any event that is planned.

Liam Skribiski-Banack

Liam Robert Skribiski-Banack was born on November 4, 2004. Liam is the oldest son of Eileen and Bill. He lives in South Deerfield and is a sophomore at Frontier Regional High School. He enjoys baseball, basketball, fishing, playing the trumpet and farming. Liam plans on attending college and majoring in either Sports Medicine or Sports Management. Liam was baptized at Saint James Church in South Deerfield. He and his family started attending Saint Brigid's Church when Liam was in Kindergarten, attending Religious Education classes every year. Once he made his First Communion, Liam started altar serving with his cousin CJ. Liam has served in weddings, funerals and baptisms too. Liam has trained his younger brother Max

Max Skribiski-Banack

Max Henry Skribiski-Banack was born on April 3, 2007. Max is the youngest son of Eileen and Bill. He lives in South Deerfield and is an Eight Grader at Frontier Regional High School. Max also likes baseball, basketball, swimming and playing the drums. Max was baptized at Saint James Church in South Deerfield. Max attends church and Religious Education classes at Saint Brigid's Church. After making his First Communion, Max started altar serving with his cousin CJ and older brother Liam. Max and Liam usually serve the 8am Sunday Mass. Max has also served at weddings, funerals and baptisms at Saint Brigid's Church.

Mary Mireault

Mary and Ken have seven children Michelle, Kenneth Jr, Theresa, Suzanne, Laurie, Christopher, and Kathleen. Mary is the daughter of John and Mary (Kelley) Cashman and a lifelong resident of Amherst. Mary was a secretary for Dr. Gerald Hogan, Dr. Darity at UMass Health Sciences and the School of Nursing for 23 years. Mary is a collector of old postcards and First Edition Books. Over the years she has helped with the many event and activities including Stewardship, Bazaar, Holiday Baskets, the 150th Anniversary Committee and is always willing to help where needed.

Carol Ashby

Carol and Ray have two daughters Lynne and Lee. Carol is the daughter of William and Mafalda (Battistoni) Kosloski and a lifelong resident of Amherst and member of St. Brigid's. Carol was an accounting clerk in the Amherst School System for 36 years, ran the Craftsbury Country Store in Craftsbury VT for 5 years and is currently the part-time secretary here at St. Brigid's. She is a member of the 150th Anniversary Committee and is always willing to help where needed.

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