

SAINT JOHN PAUL II

FEBRUARY 28, 2021

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2nd Sunday
OF LENT

Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." - Mk 9:7

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Mass Times

Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m. (ND)

Saturday
4 p.m. at Notre Dame
Sunday
8 a.m. at St. Stanislaus
10:30 a.m. at Notre Dame (temporarily cancelled)

Holy Days of Obligation
Vigil of Holy Day, 7 p.m. Notre Dame
Holy Day, 10 a.m., St. Stanislaus

Parish Staff

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Principal	Joseph Rogge
Deacon of Students	Deacon Greg LaFreniere

New to the Parish?

Welcome! Please introduce yourself to Fr. Steve after Mass.
To register, please call the parish office or go to the parish website to download a registration form.

Sacraments

Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the Parish Office for information about Baptism preparation and to schedule a Baptism. Baptisms are usually scheduled for Sunday after the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples are asked to contact our Father Steve a minimum of one full year prior to their wedding and before making any wedding plans.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

If you know someone who is in need of the Sacrament of the Sick please contact the Parish Office at 743-0577.

Unable to attend Mass?

If you or someone you know is unable to attend Mass but would like to receive Communion, please call the office.

Weekend of February 28, 2021

Regular Parish Collections: \$6,156.00

Budgeted Weekly Amount: \$6,885.00

DEFICIT: \$729.00

Current Dio Assessment: \$379.00

Ash Wed: \$1,017.00

Black & Indian Mission: \$278.00

1st Offering: \$35.00

Total Offering: \$ 7,865.00

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 27; 4:00 p.m. (ND)

- ◆ John Kondej, 12th Anniversary Remembrance, by wife & son

Sunday, February 28; 8:00 a.m. (SSK)

- ◆ Edwin & Pauline Saharczewski by Edward Saharczewski

Monday, March 1

- ◆ Eileen Millette by the Meier Family

Tuesday, March 2

- ◆ Margaret Koehler, 3rd Anniversary Remembrance, by family

Wednesday, February 24

- ◆ For the People of the Parish

Thursday, February 25

- ◆ For the People of the Parish

Saturday, March 6; 4:00 p.m. (ND)

- ◆ Lawrence Liberty, 1st Anniversary Remembrance, by Dorothy & Jack Gregery

Sunday, March 7; 8:00 a.m. (SSK)

- ◆ Rev. John Chwalek by friend

A Letter from Fr. Steve

"Jesus said to his disciples, 'I no longer call you servants, I call you friends.'" JN 15:15

My Dear Friends!

Where did the time go?! Too little and not enough! Through the good and the bad, you have kept the faith and nourished and strengthened mine. We all have to face and live with our doubts each day in so many ways. But we never have to do so alone. We have the Revelation of God in Christ and each other to see us through. THANK YOU ALL for seeing me through. In every way.

Whenever I leave a parish assignment for another, I'm always painfully aware of my shortcomings, mistakes, failings and sins while I was there. Now is no different.

The kindnesses and mercies you have shown me will be forever remembered with gratitude and prayer. Never ever underestimate your God-Given gifts to make good things happen in bad situations. It's clear to me it's a singular strength of character within the Parish itself. Praised be God!

I'm deliberately speaking to the parishes of both Saint John Paul II and Saint Mary's as one. We are all one in The One Who Is All, God. Everything else is about geography. So my prayer for all of you is the prayer of Jesus. "Dearest Father in Heaven, I pray that they may all be one, as you and I are one. That our joy may be in them and their joy may be full." Amen.

With every good wish and blessing, love your friend,

Steve XOXO

In Memory Of ... Weekly Candles

Sanctuary Candle at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church

- ◆ Loretta J. Rysz-Vinette, Anniversary Remembrance, by son Ken Rysz

2nd Sunday of Lent

A pregnant woman was walking in the store and met an old friend. Her friend exclaimed, “You are absolutely beaming!” The new life God placed in her womb radiated throughout her body. It was brightly visible on her face and in her eyes. Transformation and change usually happen from the inside out. It is very rare that simply imposing structure from the outside does any good. Yes, it is true that routines and habits can change when things are done differently. But, for this change to last there has to be an interior renewal and metamorphosis as well. Simply regulating behavior and bringing someone into conformity with accepted protocols doesn’t mean their heart and soul come with them.

Peter was a homeless man who lived in a very remote and rudimentary tent community. He was happy to make his daily trip to McDonald’s and always welcomed a gift card or two so that he could buy some coffee and something to eat. A generous advocate worked to secure him an apartment in hopes of moving Peter out of his makeshift housing and into something safer. Peter finally got the grand tour of his new “digs,” received his own key, remarked how wonderful the place was, closed the door behind him when they left and never returned. He preferred his tent. No matter how much things changed on the outside, Peter was happy where he was. A poignant lesson was learned that day.

How is your Lent going? By now you ought to have a sense of whether you’re really “into it” this year and something transformational is happening. For many, it’s only the stuff on the outside that changes for a few weeks and then they return to business as usual. For others, there are some real inner changes happening that are deepening their relationships with God, others, self, and creation. If we are serious about moving to a new place and radiating with the presence of new life and joy, then we have to clear the way to listen for God’s call. Then, there is God’s request to change things up a bit and order our lives differently. After realizing we have been called and given a mission, we have to trust that this is where we need to be. And then, after all of this hard work we are asked to act. The fruit that is revealed will indicate whether our journey is authentic. The brilliance of conversion will begin to shine on our faces as we contemplate the One to whom we are asked to listen.

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St. Agnes Parish Dalton

Mass is streamed live on Parish Website
Saturday at 4:00 p.m.
Sunday at 10:00 a.m.
Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m.
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www.saintagnescc.com

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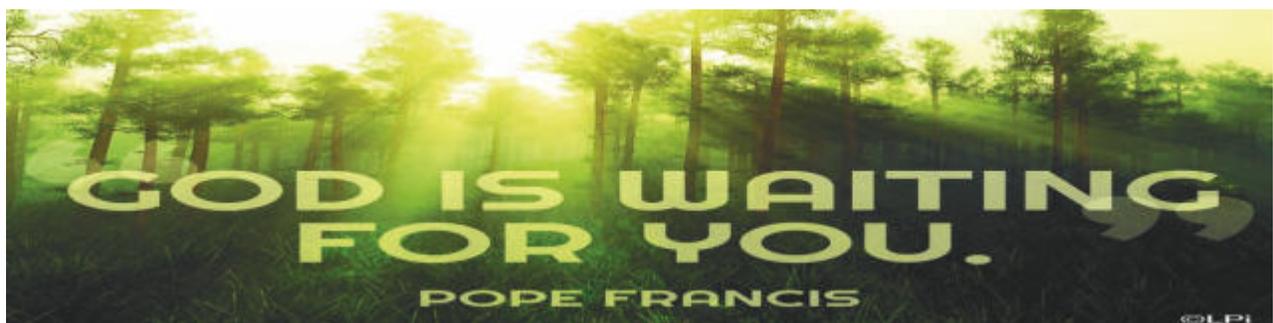
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Mass Stream Live on Parish Facebook and Parish Youtube
Monday – Friday 7:30 a.m. Morning prayer following the
celebration of the Eucharist First Saturday Morning prayer
at 7:30 a.m., following the celebration of the Eucharist
Sunday Mass at 10:00 a.m.
<https://www.NorthAdamsCatholics.org/>

Sunday Mass airs on Northern Berkshire Community
Television, Channel 1301.

Saints Patrick & Raphael Parish, Williamstown

Mass available on [Parish Website](#) and [Parish Facebook](#)
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HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

with Fr. Jon Reardon

FRIDAY
MARCH 19TH
7PM

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*"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.
Pray therefore the Lord of the harvest
to send out laborers into his harvest." ~ Matt 9:37-38*

Join us as we pray together for vocations to the
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ALL ARE WELCOME.

Fr. Jon Reardon will be available to talk with any man
discerning a call to the priesthood following the holy hour.



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When submitting checks for St. Stanislaus Kostka repairs, please make checks payable to "St. John Paul II Parish" with "SSK Repairs" in the memo field. Also, do not combine the money you are sending in for St. Stanislaus Kostka repairs with your regular weekly donations. It is important to write out separate checks for your St. Stanislaus Kostka repair donations and your weekly collection donations.

FM 91.7 Mass Transmission

Please be patient if you are waiting to receive communion after listening to Mass in your car. A Eucharistic Minister will come outside to distribute communion once they have distributed it inside. See the parish website for a detailed map and directions.

*****If you have tested positive for COVID and have attended one of our Masses or entered one of our buildings, please contact the parish office. Contacting us directly will allow us to quickly contact trace, notify others, and further disinfect our spaces.**

*****If you have traveled outside of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, please follow State and Local guidelines and either have a COVID-19 test within 72 hours before entering the State or quarantine for 14 days after arriving in the State.**

Now that we are in cold and flu season, in addition to COVID, we kindly ask that you be sure to adhere to the following guidelines:

- Wear a mask, wash your hands, hand sanitize
- Social distance and avoid personal contact with others
- Stay home if you have a fever, cough, shortness of breath, cold symptoms, and/or feel generally unwell

Consider listening to Mass on the radio from our parking lot on 91.7 FM, watching online, or via TV if you are in a high risk category

KEEPING FAITH DURING THE PANDEMIC: GOD'S GOT THIS!

LENTEN SERIES 2021 - VIRTUAL PRESENTATIONS

Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm ~ February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Please join us for our Annual Lenten Speaker Series which will be presented via YouTube.

ONLINE ACCESS OPTIONS:

- (1) Look up Youtube.com on your computer or TV and type in OLBS Westfield Lent
- (2) Go to either diospringfield.org OR diospringfield.org/olbs and click on the link



Feb. 24
Bishop
William
Byrne

FACING FEAR DURING THE PANDEMIC

Our newly ordained Bishop William D. Byrne will introduce his 5 P's for dealing with the fears we are facing during the Pandemic. Welcome him into your 'online home'!



March 3
Gary
Zimak

OVERCOMING ANXIETY AND DEPRESSION

We welcome back author/radio host Gary Zimak as he leads us through issues of anxiety and depression during the pandemic. His recent book, GIVE UP WORRY FOR LENT, is available at the parish.



March 10
Sister
Bethany
Madonna

FINDING MEANING IN OUR ISOLATION

National speaker Sr. Bethany Madonna (Sisters of Life) combines her humor and perspective to remind us that we are never alone, when we turn to God.



March 17
Fr. Mike
Schmitz

KEEPING & DEEPENING FAITH DURING PANDEMIC

Uncertainty, growing struggles, challenges to our faith... nationally known speaker and YouTube host Fr. Mike Schmitz shares how our Faith keeps us connected to God.



March 24
April
Helenek

STRENGTHENING THE FAMILY

So much changed for everyone in the family. Co-producer of the Catholic Life Conference & mother of six April Helenek speaks of turning together time into family bonding time.



March 31
Fr. Chris
Alar, MIC

DISCOVERING JOY IN THE JOURNEY

In spite of our 2020 struggles, God has given us many graces, and is leading us on a journey to joy. As we approach Holy Week & Easter, Fr. Chris Alar, a priest with the Marian Fathers, will speak of that Joy.



NEW THIS YEAR! YOUTH LENTEN SERIES!



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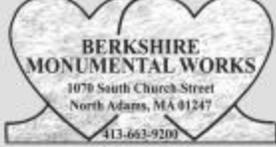
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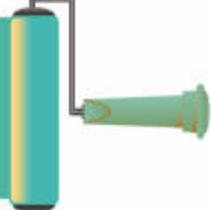
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