Catholic Parishes
of Adams & Cheshire

MASS SCHEDULE
ADORATION & CONFESSION

MONDAY | TUESDAY
8:00 a.m. - Notre Dame

WEDNESDAY
6:00 p.m. - St. Mary's
ADORATION - 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
CONFESSION - 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

THURSDAY | FRIDAY
8:00 a.m. - Notre Dame

SATURDAY
4:00 p.m. - Vigil - Notre Dame
CONFESSION - 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

SUNDAY
8:00 a.m. - St. Stanislaus Kostka
9:30 a.m. - St. Mary's

HOLY DAYS
4:00 p.m. - Vigil - TBD
6:00 p.m. - Vigil - TBD
8:00 a.m. - Holy Day - TBD

JULY 25, 2021

St. John Paul II Parish

Notre Dame Church | 21 Maple Street | Adams
St. Stanislaus Kostka Mission church | 25 Hoosac Street | Adams

www.adamscatholicchurches.org | bjpparish@yahoo.com

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phone 413.743.0577 | fax 413.743.4665
facebook @stjohnpauliiparishadams
office hours: Monday - Thursday - 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Charity Center Food Pantry @ St. Thomas - Wednesday - 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Book Store @ Notre Dame School - Fridays & Saturdays - 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

St. Mary of the Assumption Parish

St. Mary's Church | 159 Church Street | Cheshire

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office hours: Monday - Wednesday - 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Catholic Parishes of Adams & Cheshire

Parish Staff

Fr. Barrent Pease administrator | fatherpease@gmail.com

Fr. William Cyr retired priest

St. John Paul II Parish

Office Manager - Terry Saunders-Boucher
bjpparish@yahoo.com
Financial Manager - E. Lary Grossman
Music Director - Timothy Rougeau
Maintenance - Richard Wisniowski
Director of Religious Education - Molly Meczywor
Child Advocate - Joseph Rogge

St. John Paul II Offertory Giving - 7-18-2021	
Regular Collection	$3,760.47
Budgeted Collection	$6,885.00
Deficit	$3,124.53
Energy/Fuel	$59.00
Diocesan Assessment	$146.00
Peter's Pence	$40.00
Central Eastern Europe	$477.50
Meals Ministry	$105.00
Total Offering	**$4,587.97**

St. Mary of the Assumption Parish

Deacon - Deacon Robert "Bob" Hitter
Business Manager - Michelle Francesconi
michelle@saintmaryscatholic.org
Music Director - Ann Cain
Maintenance - Tim Bissaillon
Director of Religious Education - Steve Berti
Child Advocate - Vacant

St. Mary of the Assumption Offertory Giving - 7-18-2021	
Regular Collection	$1,270.00
Online Giving	$270.00
Energy/Fuel	$125.00
Cheshire Pantry	$10.00
Children's Collection	$7.88
Catholic Communication	$10.00
Total Offering	**$1,692.88**

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

Everyday Stewardship - recognize God in your ordinary moments

St. Therese of Lisieux made a point of going the extra mile in kindness towards those people who really got under her skin. It was part of her own brand of Everyday Stewardship — thanking God for all His creation, even the parts with which, in her own humanness, she struggled to cope. I think about this a lot when I challenge myself to give thanks for things that bother me and people who challenge me. When I do this, I envision Christ giving thanks over those insufficient loaves. How many of us would see that paltry little basket and kick a rock in frustration because we can't feed all our people? "You didn't give me enough, Lord! You didn't give me enough patience, enough money, enough creativity, enough stamina to be a good steward. If you had given me more, I could also give more!"

In those moments of despair, we need to take a good look at the life God has given us. We need to look at the trials and the challenges and the shortcomings. The hopes that didn't pan out, the disappointments that keep cropping up. Somewhere therein lies what we need to be the steward God asks us to be, just as St. Therese's own stewardship was defined by the people she simply couldn't stand. God does not give us all we want. He does not give us all we ask for. He does us one better: He gives us all we need. It's all in the basket. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

Calendar of Events

Wednesday Evenings - St. Mary's Parish Hall
AA - Big Book Meeting - 7:30 p.m.
Monday, July 26th - Friday, July 30th
St. Mary's Office Closed
Thursday, August 12 - Saturday, August 14
SJPII Tag Sale at Notre Dame School
September
SJPII Rosary Sodality Meetings Resume
Sunday, September 12
SJPII Polka Picnic
Sunday, September 19
Religious Education Resumes
Sunday, October 10 - Notre Dame School
SJPII Fall Festival
Saturday, December 4 - St. Mary's Parish Hall
Christmas Bazaar - Tentative

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 24, 2021
4:00 p.m. Joseph & Eileen Shanahan
Notre Dame Req. by Dick & Gerry Wasilewski

Sunday, July 25, 2021
8:00 a.m. Loretta Rysz-Vinette
St. Stanislaus Birthday Remembrance
Req. by Her Son, Ken Rysz
9:30 a.m. Stanley & Sue Skubel and
St. Mary's Stanley Skubel, Sr.
Req. by Leo Skubel

Monday, July 26, 2021
8:00 a.m. Veronica Durwin
Notre Dame Req. by Jeanine Gagne

Tuesday, July 27, 2021
8:00 a.m. For the People of St. John Paul II
Notre Dame & St. Mary of the Assumption

Wednesday, July 28, 2021
6:00 p.m. Howard Vinton, Jr.
St. Mary's Req. by Tish Hill

Thursday, July 29, 2021
8:00 a.m. Harvey Hamelin Birthday Remembrance
Notre Dame Req. by Family

Friday, July 30, 2021
8:00 a.m. For the People of St. John Paul II
Notre Dame & St. Mary of the Assumption

Saturday, July 31, 2021
4:00 p.m. Leon Meier Birthday Remembrance
Notre Dame Req. by The Meier Family

Sunday, August 1, 2021
8:00 a.m. Sally, Walter, & Helen Wisniowski
St. Stanislaus Req. by Dick & Barb Wisniowski
9:30 a.m. Joseph Scanlon
St. Mary's Req. by Drew, Killian, & Maire Scanlon

Parish Candles, Gifts, & Memorials

St. Stanislaus Kostka Mission Church
Sanctuary Lamp Andrew & Anna Bulsa
Birthday Remembrance
Req. with Love by Fran

From today's 1st Reading, 1st Kings 4:

"They shall eat and there shall be some left over."

The value of life is not measured because

St. Stanislaus Kostka Cemetery

July Memorial Lights

Resurrection Lights
Helen Wisniowski
Req. by Family

Grotto Lights
Joseph & Chuck Belch
Req. by Irene Belch

Book a Mass Intention or Memorial

If you are looking to book a Mass Intention, Memorial Sanctuary Lamps, candles, or gifts for any location, please contact the St. Mary's Parish Office at 413.743.2110. The monetary contribution will be given to the appropriate parish (Adams or Cheshire) and the information will be recorded in the master calendar.

2022 Mass Book - Intentions

The 2022 Mass Book will open in September for both parishes. All Masses will be booked through the Parish Offices. *The St. John Paul II Office will handle all 2022 Adams Masses and the St. Mary's Office will handle all 2022 Cheshire Masses*

Please note the following procedures:

- For the month of September, Adams parishioners may only book Masses in Adams and Cheshire parishioners may only book Masses in Cheshire
- The 1st Sunday of each month for each church will be reserved as a day for Collective Intentions - an unlimited number of intentions will be honored, but specific names will not be spoken aloud - all intentions will be gathered and the priest will say the Mass for the "Collective Intentions"
- All Masses will be requested via a form which will be distributed in advance to parishioners in each parish
- Each family may only request **one** Mass initially (Masses requested for the Collective Intention will also be honored) - $10 offering per request
- Mass intentions may only be for one person, a couple, or by naming the families
  - Acceptable examples:
    John & Sally Smith -or- The Smith Family -or-
    Deceased Members of the Smith & Doe Families
  - Unacceptable example (too many people):
    John Smith, Sally Doe, Mr. & Mrs. Brown, and Edward Jones
- Masses may be requested by asking for the preferred month, if a date within the month requested is not available, the Mass will be placed in another month
- Candles, Shrines, Gifts, Sanctuary Lamps, and Memorials will be available to book on the form for $10 each
- Masses may not be booked on the following days: The Easter Triduum, Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, All Souls, Christmas Eve, or Christmas

GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

St. Oscar Romero said, "We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is the beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest."

There were a group of ladies many years ago who made quilts. They were beautiful creations reflecting inspirational designs artfully composed from the simple scraps of fabric each woman would bring to their individual pieces. There was no plan for the finished project as each finished work became the combined creation of what each woman contributed. They abounded in vibrant colors and dazzled the beholder with intricate patterns and their myriad textures. They were so beautiful that they became coveted family treasures passed from generation to generation. Those women never realized the power of their work. Countless babies rested in the comfort of those quilts warmly nestled in the legacy of tradition they were fortunate to inherit. They adorned countless homes with their beauty and brought joy and solace to many faces.

We cannot do everything. We are not meant to. Our work in life is to contribute our individual piece, a piece that reflects the unique thumbprint I claim as my own. We only have to do small things well. Then, as St. Oscar Romero reminds us, the Lord's grace will enter and do the rest. We have to trust that this is true just as those women trusted in the eventual beauty of their final work.

Eucharistic blessings are blessings that start small and multiply. We all come to life with only a few loaves of bread and a few fish. Not any single one of us has all that it takes to transform our world. Who knows what God will do with the little we have and how many will benefit from our kindness, compassion, wisdom, courage, conviction, love, warmth, zeal, faith, and hope? That young lad never dreamed that his few leftovers would do all that they did. God shows up in unexpected ways! Where would life's adventure and fun be if it were any other way? Being able to be part of bringing God's creative, transforming, healing to the world opens us up to wonder, awe, and excitement! We can all bring our little piece to the bigger work of God that can result in being a coveted jewel passed generation to generation. This is good news indeed!

Bread and wine transform into Christ's Body and Blood and we become what we eat. Trust that.
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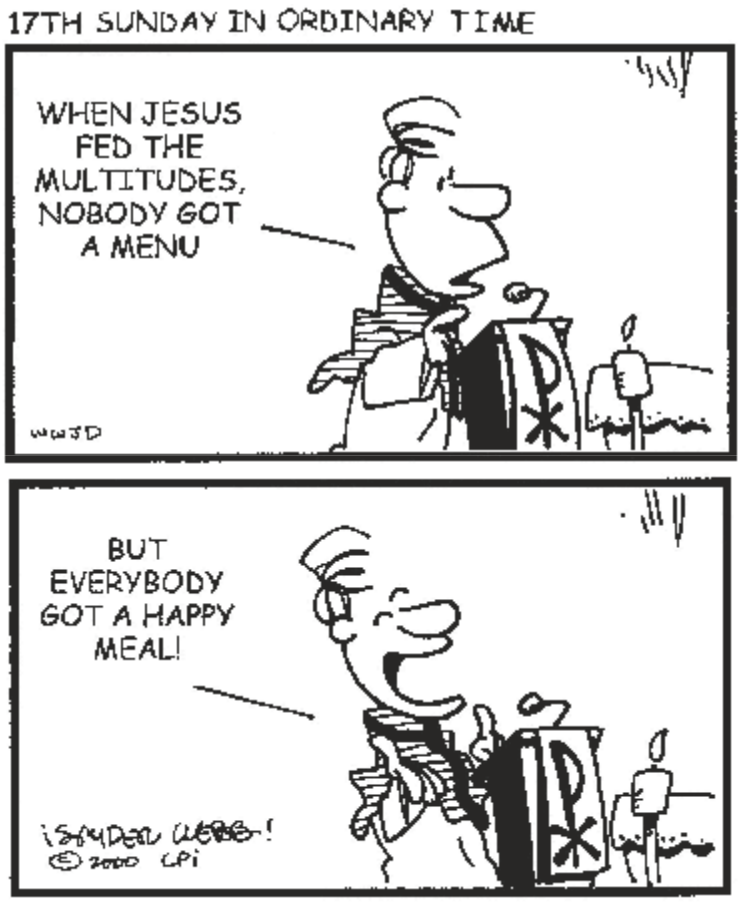


Daily Mass Schedule Change

St. John Paul II and St. Mary of the Assumption Parishes split the salary and expenses for Fr. Barrent equally. In order to provide each parish with an equal number of Masses, Fr. Barrent has enacted a new Daily Mass Schedule which will go into effect in August. The new schedule will provide each parish with four Masses per week. Adams will have two weekend and two daily. Cheshire will have one weekend and three daily.

Starting Monday, August 2nd, the new Daily Mass Schedule will be as follows:

Mondays - 8:00 a.m. - Notre Dame - Adams
Tuesdays - 8:00 a.m. - Notre Dame - Adams
Wednesdays - 6:00 p.m. - St. Mary's - Cheshire
(Adoration & Confession will continue)
Thursdays - 8:00 a.m. - St. Mary's - Cheshire
Fridays - 8:00 a.m. - St. Mary's - Cheshire

The Weekend Mass Schedule will remain:

Saturdays - 4:00 p.m. - Notre Dame - Adams
Sundays - 8:00 a.m. - St. Stanislaus Kostka - Adams
Sundays - 9:30 a.m. - St. Mary's - Cheshire

Public Events & Notices

Haiti Plunge Cash Calendar

The Haiti Plunge is hosting a Cash Calendar fundraiser for the month of August. If you would like to participate, copies are at the entrances of the church or you can find them on Facebook and the Haiti Plunge website. Chances are $10. There will be a total of $1,300 in prizes. Each day during August, a different winner will be awarded various dollar amounts. Please return your stub to the Haiti Plunge Office by July 31st. For any questions, contact the Haiti Plunge at haitiplungeinc@gmail.com.

Religious Education News

St. Mary's Religious Education
St. John Paul II Religious Education

The St. Mary's and St. John Paul II Religious Education Programs will resume on Sunday, September 19th. Both parishes will offer a new in-person format with TWO classes per month.

St. Mary's classes will be held from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. on Sundays following Mass. A full schedule and registration will be available on the website soon. saintmaryscatholic.org. In the meantime, you may email questions to Steve Berti at cozmo1212@aol.com.

SJPII program information will be available soon. For questions, please contact Molly Meczywor at mmeczywor@hoosacvalley.org.

SJPII - Volunteering & Events

St. John Paul II Religious Education

Religious Education is seeking teachers for the 2021 -2022 school year for Grades 1-9. Consider being a part of a dynamic program which focuses on spiritual growth and community service. Questions: Molly Meczywor at mollymeczywor@gmail.com.

Cleaning Crews

St. John Paul II Parish is still in need of volunteers for the cleaning crews in both St. Stanislaus and Notre Dame Churches. Please contact Terry in the Adams office to sign up.

Family Life Committee

The Family Life Committee is actively seeking new members of all ages, as well as a co-chair! To learn more about the FLC or to volunteer to assist with the children's games at the Polish Picnic, please contact Lisa Collins via email biroscollins@gmail.com or phone (413)743-2233.

SJPII Polka Picnic

The Parish Family of St. John Paul II will once again hold their Polish Picnic on September 12th at the Polanka Grounds on Mill St. in Adams. The gates will open at 12:00 noon and the Eddie Forman Orchestra will play from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. Admission is $5/person. Children 12 and under are free! Polish and American Fare will be served and the Shire Bakery will be on-site. Beer, wine, soda, and water will also be sold. There will also be free children's games!
If you are interested in helping, please contact Rachel Tomkowicz - rtomkowicz@roadrunner.com

St. Mary's - Volunteering & Events

St. Mary's Parish Council

We are in the process of re-establishing the Parish Council at St. Mary's. If you are interested in joining the council, and are a parishioner of St. Mary's, please submit a letter of interest to the parish office in Cheshire as soon as possible.

Lectors Needed

We are looking for volunteers to serve as Lectors at St. Mary's for the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass. If you are interested, please contact the St. Mary's Office.

Christmas Bazaar - Re-imagined

We are tentatively planning a Christmas Bazaar with a new format for Saturday, December 4th. Stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks.

Upcoming Event Details

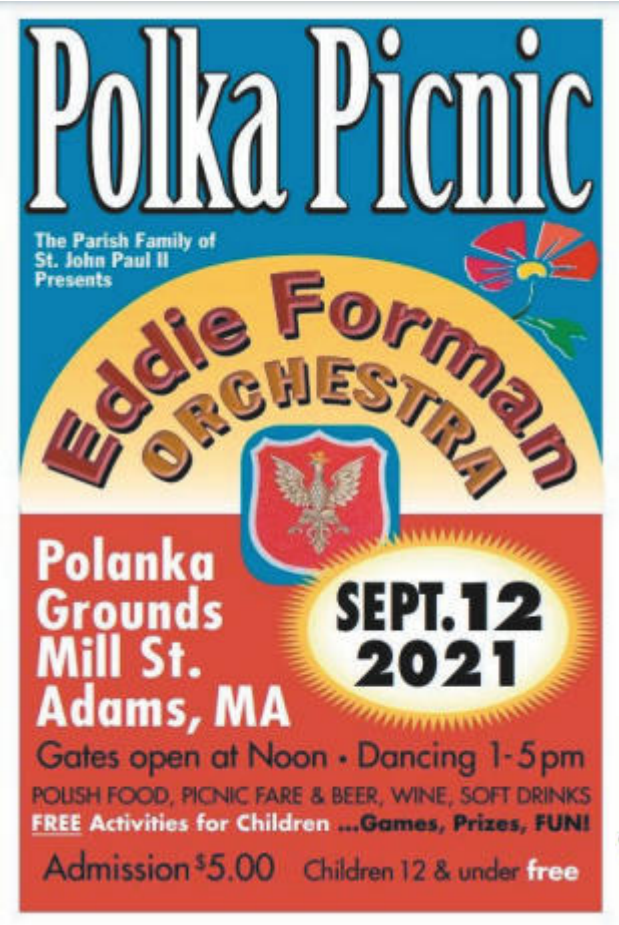
Now that St. Stanislaus School is shut down for the summer, we will be using this page to help promote activities happening in the parishes

St. John Paul II Parish Tag Sale

The Cadillac of Tag Sales!!!
Basement of Notre Dame School | Book Sale on 1st Floor

The St. John Paul II Parish Tag Sale will return this year for THREE days!
Be sure to support the parish and shop the 1000s of items.

Thursday, August 12th - 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Friday, August 13th - 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Saturday, August 14th - 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



Tis the Season for

"The Pumpkin Patch Country Store"

at the St. John Paul II Parish Fall Fest/Bazaar
Sunday, October 10th

St. John Paul II Parish is looking for help in re-stocking their shelves with your homemade goodies in preparation for the Fall Fest/Bazaar.
The following items are needed:

Jams
Jellies
Pickles

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St. Joh Paul II Parish Office
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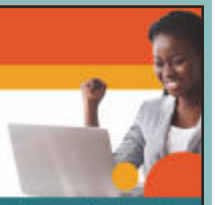

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