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# MASS SCHEDULE ADORATION & CONFESSION

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

# **WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY** 8:00 a.m. - St. Mary's

#### **FRIDAY**

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

#### **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

Times vary

# CHRISTMAS & DECEMBER 26, 2021

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AA MEETINGS @ St. MARY'S HALL - WEDNESDAYS - 7:30 P.M.

# CATHOLIC PARISHES OF ADAMS & CHESHIRE

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### ST. JOHN PAUL II OFFERTORY GIVING - 12-12-2021

REGULAR COLLECTION	\$4,495.00
BUDGETED COLLECTION	\$6,058.00
DEFICIT	\$1,563.00
Energy/Fuel	\$155.00
DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT	\$133.00
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	\$838.00
RETIRED RELIGIOUS	\$480.00
MEALS MINISTRY	\$50.00
TOTAL OFFERING	\$6,151.00

### SJP CLUB-1000 UPDATE

SJP CLUB-1000	DECEMBER	WINNERS
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\$ 500.00	Patricia Rougeau
\$ 200.00	Doris Rougeau
\$ 100.00	Gosia Kuza
\$ 50.00	MICHAEL KWASNIOWSKI
\$ 50.00	Bunny Wegrzyn
\$ 25.00	Thomas Kamorek
\$ 25.00	DICK & BARBARA RACINE
\$ 25.00	Barbara Dow
\$ 15.00	Michael Parada
\$ 10.00	RON & CEIL BURDICK

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Club 1000 this month!

#### St. Mary of the Assumption OFFERTORY GIVING - 11-28-2021

REGULAR COLLECTION	\$1,312.00
Online Giving	\$208.00

#### \$1.520.00 TOTAL OFFERING

#### **OFFERTORY GIVING - 12-5-2021**

TOTAL OFFERING	\$3,040.00
Online Giving	\$475.00
REGULAR COLLECTION	\$2,565.00

#### OFFERTORY GIVING - 12-12-2021

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REGULAR COLLECTION	\$1,072.00
Online Giving	\$714.00
Energy/Fuel	\$60.00
MAINTENANCE	\$282.00
SNOW REMOVAL	\$135.00
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	\$138.00
CHRISTMAS	\$75.00
CHRISTMAS FLOWERS	\$235.00
SOLEMNITY OF MARY	\$10.00
RETIRED RELIGIOUS	\$60.00
ALL SAINTS	\$3.00
ALL SOULS	\$10.00
TOTAL OFFERING	\$2,794,00

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 2

Parish Offices Closed

JANUARY 3

New Office Schedule in Adams & Cheshire (page 3)

### MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2021 - CHRISTMAS DAY

12:00 MIDNIGHT FOR THE CONVERSION OF ALL

ST. STANISLAUS NON-CHRISTIANS, THAT THEY RECEIVE

JESUS AS THEIR MESSIAH

10:00 A.M. FOR THE HEALTH & WELLBEING OF ALL ST. MARY'S EXPECTANT MOTHERS & THEIR INFANTS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2021

8:00 A.M. JETTE & WOJTASZEK FAMILIES
ST. STANISLAUS REO. BY MARY & RICHARD JETTE

JANET STRACZEK & MONTH'S MIND REQ. BY CONNIE, JENNIFER, MIKAYLAH,

BARB, & JOHN

9:30 A.M. THEODORE J. KOLIS

ST. MARY'S REQ. BY TOM & SUZANNE KOLIS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2021

8:00 A.M. CLAYTON & JEANNETTE COUTURE NOTRE DAME REQ. BY THEIR DAUGHTER, NORMA

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2021

8:00 A.M. ANNA ROCHE FAMILY NOTRE DAME REQ. BY MASS TRUST

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2021

8:00 A.M. THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. JOHN PAUL II

ST. MARY'S & ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2021

8:00 a.m. Hajduk, Gaskalka, & Jaskalka Families

ST. MARY'S REQ. BY MASS TRUST

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2021 - SOLEMNITY VIGIL

6:00 P.M. MARY SAUNDERS 2ND ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE

ST. MARY'S REQ. BY HER CHILDREN

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 2021 - SOLEMNITY OF MARY

10:00 a.m. FOR THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE FALLEN
NOTRE DAME AWAY FROM OUR PARISHES, THAT THEY

RETURN TO OUR PARISH COMMUNITIES

4:00 p.m. Maureen Stump ♦Month's Mind♦

NOTRE DAME REQ. BY THE BERTI FAMILY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2021

8:00 a.m. John & Mary Stachura

ST. STANISLAUS REQ. BY DAUGHTER, STEPHANIA LOUISON

9:30 A.M. JOSEPH & DORIS ST. CYR
ST. MARY'S REQ. BY JIM & CAROLE PYRA

## PARISH CANDLES, GIFTS, & MEMORIALS

Notre Dame Church

SANCTUARY JOHN HOLMES, JR.

LAMP REQ. BY HIS WIFE & FAMILY

#### SOLEMNITY OF MARY

SOLEMNITY OF MARY VIGIL - FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31ST 6:00 p.m. - St. Mary's

SOLEMNITY OF MARY - SATURDAY, JANUARY 1ST

10:00 а.м. - Notre Dame

(THE 4:00 VIGIL MASS FOR THE SUNDAY WILL BE HELD AS REGULARLY SCHEDULED)

#### ST. STANISLAUS KOSTKA CEMETERY

#### **DECEMBER MEMORIAL LIGHTS**

#### **PATHWAY LIGHTS**

GINGER DUBIS & ED ZIEMLAK

REQ. BY FAMILY

#### RESURRECTION LIGHTS

**EUGENIA & PAUL AITKEN** 

REQ. BY FAMILY

#### **GROTTO LIGHTS**

JOHN KONDEJ

REQ. BY HIS WIFE & SON

#### **NEW PARISH OFFICE SCHEDULES**

Effective Monday, January 3rd, the parish offices will have new hours. The times are changing to allow for more efficient workflow and additional collaboration between the two parish communities.

Michelle Francesconi will be joining the St. John Paul II team as the Financial Assistant to Lary Grossman and will be working with Terry in Adams on Mondays.

#### The new hours will be:

St. John Paul II - Mondays & Tuesdays - 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. St. Mary's - Tuesdays & Wednesdays - 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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#### **SNOW CANCELLATIONS**

If the local schools are cancelled or delayed due to inclement weather, Daily Mass will be cancelled for that day. Please listen for cancellations throughout the winter. As always, if you are uncomfortable driving or are uncertain about road conditions on any given day, please use your best judgement and stay home when needed. Thank you!

#### SJPII NEWS

#### 2022 MISSALS

Copies of the **2022** Missal are available for \$5.00 through the St. John Paul II Parish Office. Please call 743-0577 to reserve a copy or stop in at 21 Maple St. to pick one up during regular hours.

### ST. MARY'S NEWS

#### **DAILY MASS UPDATE**

In order to keep utility costs down during the winter, Daily Mass will be held in the Daily Mass Chapel through the heating season.

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# NEWS, FUNDRAISERS, & EVENTS

#### MINISTRY TRAINING

The Diocese of Springfield will be holding training sessions in January 2022 for Extraordinary Ministers and Lectors to participate in. The trainings are required for new ministers and encouraged for experienced ministers. If you are interested in joining one of these ministries, these sessions are for you!

Eucharistic Minister and Lector sessions will take place simultaneously at each location. If someone needs both trainings, they can attend at one of the other times/locations as well.

Each session will run from 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Saturday, January 15, 2022 – St. Peter's, Great Barrington Saturday, January 22, 2022 – St. Joseph's, Pittsfield Saturday, January 29, 2022 – St. Elizabeth's, North Adams

To register, please contact Deacon Dan Romanello either by phone or e-mail. 413-232-7889 (H) or 203-209-5258 (M) - d.romanello@diospringfield.org

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FROM, LUKE 2:

"Why were you looking for me?"

THE VALUE AND GIFT OF LIFE IS FOUND
IN OUR CHILDREN

#### **EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**

# RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

#### STEWARDSHIP TIES

There is a lot of imagery around Christmas that has to do with adoption — or, more specifically, with a child being loved by another as if they belonged to that person and loved in such a profound way that in time, they do come to belong to that person.

We see this with Joseph and the infant Jesus. Joseph is not Jesus' biological father. But through a series of actions, and through his faithfulness in small, everyday matters, Joseph becomes the foster father of Jesus.

Perhaps we are parents who have adopted children, or we ourselves were adopted. We have also seen how, through a series of actions of love and sacrifice, someone can become the parent of a person who is not their "blood." A lot of times these families celebrate the day of the adoption. I've heard it called a "gotcha day," and it's marked joyously, like a birthday.

Most of us are not descended from the Israelites, God's Chosen People. But through a series of extraordinary actions of love and sacrifice, God has made Himself our parent, too. And through our own actions, and through faithfulness in small and everyday matters, we are His children.

But in this family, instead of blood ties, we have stewardship ties. It's not about who we look like, it's about how we treat one another. How we take care of one another.

So this Christmas, let's think about how we will celebrate our adoption. As much as it is Jesus' birthday, it's also our "gotcha day" — the day we received the gift of eternal family.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

#### VIGIL FOR UNBORN

Please join Catholics for the Unborn for a Pro-Life Vigil on Thursday, January 13th at 10:00 a.m. at St Michael's Cathedral in Springfield. The Vigil begins with Exposition, Recitation of the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet then Adoration. At 12:00 noon there will be Benediction followed by Daily Mass. Please support our efforts to protect innocent unborn life through prayer. Come for a part of or the whole vigil. For more information call Marilyn at 413-567-6085.

## KEEPING OUR FAITH ALIVE

#### **GOSPEL MEDITATION**

#### ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

was made man in time, through Whom all times were made; was in the world less in years than His servants, though older than the world itself in His eternity; was made man, Who made man; was created of a mother, whom He

created: was carried by hands which He formed: nursed at the breasts which He had filled; cried in the manger in wordless infancy, He the Word without Whom all human eloquence is mute (St. Augustine, Sermon 188)." The miracle of what happens at Christmas is truly an awesome

mystery. Revealed in the silent ordinariness of life is God's intimate the birth of Jesus Christ, God takes love for humanity and all that he made. The Word, existing for all time, comes and dwells among us. God kisses us. We can seek and soar with playful delight as a joy

"He so loved us that for our sake He never known before fills our heart.

Joy is best expressed through dance. There is just something truly necessary part of God's beautifully wonderful about the self-abandon a beautiful melodic dance reveals. If and not just a random happening we are able to let go and really be free, it celebrates life in a way few

innocence, truth, purpose, hope, faith, and love. Today we know, beyond doubt, that we are a choreographed masterpiece of life without real intent or purpose. We are loved, treasured, and blessed.



other experiences really can. With the Divine Dance to a deeper and more tangible level. We can now not only see what we believe but believe what we see! This most perfect dance is a call to beauty,

Accepting the truth of God's birth in time we also accept an invitation to dance with God. We can let go of what tethers us to anxious concerns and superficial securities. Throw caution to the wind and go with God. We have been blessed with talents, gifts, and life eternal. Follow the rhythm of the

dance with joy and listen to what the Word who became flesh tells us about what the next steps can be. Today, heaven remains the same, but earth has been profoundly changed. ©LPi

#### CHRISTMAS





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#### CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

The students were overjoyed to prepare for Christmas with the return of the St. Stanislaus School Christmas Pageant! The pageant was held on Tuesday, December 14th with families, friends, and community members in attendance. It was a wonderful event!

From the students and staff of St. Stanislaus School: Merry Christmas!





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