

# CATHOLIC PARISHES

## OF ADAMS & CHESHIRE



### 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

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Times vary

## JANUARY 2, 2022

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# CATHOLIC PARISHES OF ADAMS & CHESHIRE

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| REGULAR COLLECTION    | \$3,511.00        |
| BUDGETED COLLECTION   | \$6,058.00        |
| DEFICIT               | \$2,547.00        |
| ENERGY/FUEL           | \$85.00           |
| DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT   | \$394.00          |
| IMMACULATE CONCEPTION | \$35.00           |
| RETIRED RELIGIOUS     | \$25.00           |
| <b>TOTAL OFFERING</b> | <b>\$4,050.00</b> |

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| REGULAR COLLECTION    | \$1,210.00        |
| ONLINE GIVING         | \$295.00          |
| ENERGY/FUEL           | \$10.00           |
| MAINTENANCE           | \$60.00           |
| IMMACULATE CONCEPTION | \$50.00           |
| CHRISTMAS             | \$70.00           |
| CHRISTMAS FLOWERS     | \$105.00          |
| SOLEMNITY OF MARY     | \$5.00            |
| RETIRED RELIGIOUS     | \$190.00          |
| <b>TOTAL OFFERING</b> | <b>\$1,995.00</b> |

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 2**

Parish Offices Closed

**JANUARY 3**

New Office Schedule in Adams & Cheshire (page 3)

## QUESTION & ANSWER

### DROPPED HOST

Question:

What happens to a consecrated host if it accidentally falls to the ground?

Answer:

This a very practical question because, as we all know, accidents happen, even during the most careful celebration of the liturgy. The short answer to this question is that nothing happens to the consecrated host. The Real Presence of Jesus remains in the consecrated host or any consecrated wine that might accidentally be spilled.

Another question we might ask is: How should the ministers respond if the Eucharist is dropped or spilled? If this happens, the priest, deacon, or extraordinary minister of holy Communion should immediately pick up the dropped host and consume it. If it is a case of the Precious Blood being spilled, the minister would use the purificator (and additional purificators if needed) to clean the spill and then the area should be reverently washed as soon as the Mass is over and the water poured into the sacarium (a special sink that is located in church sacristies for reverently disposing of holy water, the water used to clean sacred vessels, etc.). ©LPi

# MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 2022 - 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, 2022

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 2022

8:00 A.M. PETER & MARY CONNORS FAMILY  
NOTRE DAME REQ. BY MASS TRUST

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2022

8:00 A.M. KATHLEEN CONNORS  
NOTRE DAME REQ. BY MASS TRUST

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2022

8:00 A.M. MARY & FRAN CELENTANO  
ST. MARY'S REQ. BY JENNY MCCLLOUD

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 2022

8:00 A.M. THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. JOHN PAUL II  
ST. MARY'S & ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7, 2022

6:00 P.M. PETER KRUTIAK  
ST. MARY'S REQ. BY GEORGE BREEN

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 2022

4:00 P.M. NEWMAN & WALTNER FAMILIES  
NOTRE DAME REQ. BY MASS TRUST

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2022

8:00 A.M. JEFF MANDIROLA 50TH BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE  
ST. STANISLAUS REQ. BY AUNT JOAN

9:30 A.M. THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. JOHN PAUL II  
ST. MARY'S & ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION



# ST. STANISLAUS KOSTKA CEMETERY

JANUARY MEMORIAL LIGHTS

PATHWAY LIGHTS

MAZNICKI FAMILY  
REQ. BY JOAN

RESURRECTION LIGHTS

MATILDA MENDEL  
REQ. BY FAMILY

GROTTO LIGHTS

SKOWRONSKI & LEJA FAMILIES  
REQ. BY FAMILY

## 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.

## 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!

## SJP II 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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Copies of the **2022** Missal are available for \$5.00 through the St. Mary's Parish Office. Please call 743-2110 to reserve a copy or stop in at the St. Mary's Office to pick one up during regular hours.

# 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

## CHRISTMAS DOWNSIZING?

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**MONTH OF JANUARY**

**9:00 A.M. - 12:00 NOON**

**MONDAYS - WEDNESDAYS - SATURDAYS**

**"FALL ITEMS"**

Gently used or new fall items may also be donated during these times.

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

### RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

#### THE LIGHT OF THE MOON

If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you've caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film "It's a Wonderful Life."

If you're not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure — but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life.

One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing "Buffalo Gals — Won't you come out tonight/And dance by the light of the moon?"

That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn't have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it.

The same holds for us, doesn't it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. "Upon you the LORD shines," writes Isaiah, "and over you appears his glory." Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary.

In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others.

Remember — the magi didn't chart their own course. They merely followed the star. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## ELF PROGRAM

St. Mary of the Assumption Parish and the Tenczar Family extend their sincere appreciation to everyone who sponsored children through the Elf Program this year. Seventy-five children were sponsored because of the generosity of our parishioners and friends. We are proud to keep this program alive in memory of Mary Ann Tenczar and look forward to continuing the tradition next year. Thank you!

# KEEPING OUR FAITH ALIVE

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction."

Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain

the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is

found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything

other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that



revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also

Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

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## EPIPHANY



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## CHRISTMAS OUTFITS

On the last day of school before the Christmas break, students had the opportunity to pay \$1 to wear a Christmas themed outfit or ugly sweater in lieu of their uniforms. So festive! Funds raised will be donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.



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