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MASS SCHEDULE & CONFESSION

WEEKDAY MASSES

MONDAY | TUESDAY

8:30 a.m. - Notre Dame

WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY

8:30 a.m. - St. Mary's

WEEKEND MASSES

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

JANUARY 9, 2022

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

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ST. JOHN PAUL II OFFERTORY GIVING - 12-26-2021 & CHRISTMAS

REGULAR COLLECTION	\$3,908.00
BUDGETED COLLECTION	\$6,058.00
DEFICIT	\$2,150.00
Energy/Fuel	\$59.00
Diocesan Assessment	\$315.00
Immaculate Conception	\$16.00
RETIRED RELIGIOUS	\$24.00
Christmas	\$3,862.00
TOTAL OFFERING	\$8,184.00

OFFERIORY GIVING - 1-2-2022	
REGULAR COLLECTION	\$5,489.00
BUDGETED COLLECTION	\$6,058.00
DEFICIT	\$569.00
Energy/Fuel	\$359.00
DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT	\$105.00
FIRST OFFERING	\$585.00
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	\$20.00
RETIRED RELIGIOUS	\$5.00
ELMS COLLEGE	\$88.00
CHRISTMAS	\$222.00
SOLEMNITY OF MARY	\$945.00
TOTAL OFFERING	\$7,818.00

St. Mary of the Assumption OFFERTORY GIVING - 12-26-2021 & CHRISTMAS

TOTAL OFFERING	\$9,547.25
ELMS COLLEGE	\$5.00
RETIRED RELIGIOUS	\$50.00
SOLEMNITY OF MARY	\$60.00
Christmas Flowers	\$100.00
Christmas	\$6,542.25
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	\$26.00
MAINTENANCE	\$120.00
Energy/Fuel	\$110.00
Online Giving	\$232.00
REGULAR COLLECTION	\$2,212.00

OFFERIORY GIVING - 1-2-2022	
REGULAR COLLECTION	\$1,878.00
Online Giving	\$425.00
Energy/Fuel	\$75.00
MAINTENANCE	\$25.00
SOLEMNITY OF MARY	\$135.00
RETIRED RELIGIOUS	\$50.00
ELMS COLLEGE	\$80.00
TOTAL OFFERING	\$2,668.00

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

Coffee Hour - St. Mary's - Following Mass

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3

St. Mary's Parish Council - 7:00 p.m. - Parish Hall

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Coffee Hour - St. Mary's - Following Mass

MARCH

Rosary Sodality Meetings Resume

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 2022

NEWMAN & WALTNER FAMILIES 4:00 P.M.

NOTRE DAME REQ. BY MASS TRUST

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2022

8:00 A.M. **JEFF MANDIROLA** 50th Birthday Remembrance

REQ. BY AUNT JOAN St. Stanislaus

THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. JOHN PAUL II GROTTO LIGHTS 9:30 A.M.

& St. Mary of the Assumption St. Mary's

MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2022

8:30 A.M. **THOMAS SAMPSON** NOTRE DAME **REQ. BY MASS TRUST**

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2022

8:30 A.M. **BERNICE J. PHILLIPS** REQ. BY MASS TRUST NOTRE DAME

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2022

8:30 A.M. CHET MACIEROWSKI REQ. BY JENNY McCLOUD St. Mary's

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 2022

8:30 A.M. THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. JOHN PAUL II

& St. Mary of the Assumption St. Mary's

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 2022

No Mass

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15, 2022

4:00 p.m. MARY SAUNDERS BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

Req. by Her Daughters NOTRE DAME

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 2022

8:00 A.M. **REV. TIMOTHY J. CHAMPOUX**

REO. BY MASS TRUST ST. STANISLAUS

DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE CHOIR 9:30 A.M. REQ. BY OUR PARISH COMMUNITY St. Mary's

Parish Candles, Gifts, & Memorials

NOTRE DAME CHURCH

SANCTUARY **EUNICE LANGER 1ST ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE**

LAMP REO. BY FAMILY

WILFRED CHARBONNEAU ALTAR CANDLES REQ. BY TINA CHARBONNEAU

St. Stanislaus Kostka Mission Church

ALICE PYRA SANCTUARY REQ. BY FAMILY Lamp BLESSED **MARY STACHURA**

REQ. BY STEPHANIA LOUISON Mother

SACRED **JOHN STACHURA**

REQ. BY STEPHANIA LOUISON HEART

St. Mary of the Assumption Church

JOHN BURZIMATI ALTAR

REO. BY JOHN & SUE BURZIMATI CANDLES.

NEW WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

MONDAY & TUESDAY - 8:30 A.M. AT NOTRE DAME WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY - 8:30 A.M. AT ST. MARY'S

The Friday Adoration, Confession, and Mass at St. Mary's is temporarily suspended due to scheduling, heating costs, and snow removal.

St. Stanislaus Kostka Cemetery

JANUARY MEMORIAL LIGHTS

PATHWAY LIGHTS

MAZNICKI FAMILY REQ. BY JOAN

RESURRECTION LIGHTS

MATILDA MENDEL REQ. BY FAMILY

SKOWRONSKI & LEJA FAMILIES

REO. BY FAMILY

NEW PARISH OFFICE SCHEDULES

It has been decided that the St. John Paul II Parish Office will remain open with the previous schedule: Monday - Thursday from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Michelle Francesconi has joined the St. John Paul II team as the Financial Assistant to Lary Grossman and will be working with Terry in Adams on Mondays. The St. Mary's Office will be open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 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!

2022 MISSALS

Remaining copies of the 2022 Missals will be available at all churches for parishioners to use during Masses. Copies will be available in the back of the churches in Adams and at the side vestibules in Cheshire. There are a limited number of copies to use.

We understand that some parishioners recently purchased their own copies, as that was the policy prior to the start of the new year. If you purchased a copy, you are welcome to keep it for your personal use. If you have any questions about the change, please contact the parish offices.

FATHER CYR CONTACT INFORMATION

PLEASE TAKE NOTE

This past year, Fr. Cyr's contact information changed. If you did not receive his updated information, please make note of the following:

Fr. William Cyr 207 Cole Ave., Apt. 100, Williamstown, MA 01267 413-458-6310 williamFcyr@gmail.com

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?

DONATE YOUR GENTLY USED OR NEW CHRISTMAS ITEMS TO THE FALL FEST

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DROP OFF ITEMS IN THE NOTRE DAME SCHOOL LOWER HALL

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

"Who is this Christ? Is he like you?" Perhaps you've heard this story, often attributed to the life of St. Teresa of Calcutta. A sick man asked her this question, as he marveled at her tireless service to himself and others in the name of someone named Jesus Christ. "He is nothing like me," the saint is said to have answered. "But I hope I am like him."

Though the authenticity of this exchange cannot be verified, its message rings perfectly true: all the value of our stewardship lies in its relativity to the one in whose name we perform it. Consider the figure of John the Baptist — a magnificent, towering character even purely from a literary or historical perspective. A martyr who fed on wild locusts and boldly spoke truth to power — a man so great some mistook him for the Messiah.

But why is he great? Because he prepared the way. All his accomplishments and escapades mean nothing if they are taken out of the context of salvation history. He only makes sense relative to Christ — and this is exactly as he wanted it. "One worthier than I is coming," he insists. And because of that humility and that total embrace of God's will, he is given one of the greatest honors in the New Testament — he baptizes the Son of God.

Let's examine our lives in the light of their relativity to Christ. How do we prepare the way? When Christ comes to us, what do we do? How do we leave ourselves open to be actors in God's plan? — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

ROSARY SODALITY UPDATE

On December 12, 2021, the St. John Paul Rosary Sodality held their Annual Christmas Banquet at the Bounti-Fare Restaurant. Forty members and guests were present. The President introduced Fr. Barrent Pease, Fr. William Cyr, and Deacon Greg LaFreniere along with Alice DiCioco and Laura Dellea from Pittsfield, sister and friend of member Anne Stawarz. Fr. Pease said Grace and members and guests were served a most delicious meal. The tables were decorated with red Poinsettias and favors quilted by Treasurer Mary Belding of Christmas trees and Santas with a pocket that held a scratch ticket.

On behalf of the Sodality, the President presented to Fr. Pease, Fr. Cyr, and the Sodality Spiritual Adviser Deacon LaFreniere a monetary Christmas gift. The President thanked all the members of the Sodality and the officers for their support and participation by attending the meetings and respectfully reaching out as representatives of our Blessed Mother. A special monetary drawing was held for members only and the winners were: Tanya Guerin, Ann Robinson, Anne Stawarz, Barbara Bennett, and Joyce Turoczy. Twenty Christmas packages donated by the officers were drawn for along with the red Poinsettias.

Fr. Pease bestowed a Christmas blessing on the Sodality members and guests. Deacon LaFreniere closed the Annual Christmas Banquet with a Christmas prayer of thanksgiving. The President wished all in attendance a Merry Christmas and Happy and Healthy New Year.

KEEPING OUR FAITH ALIVE

GOSPEL MEDITATION

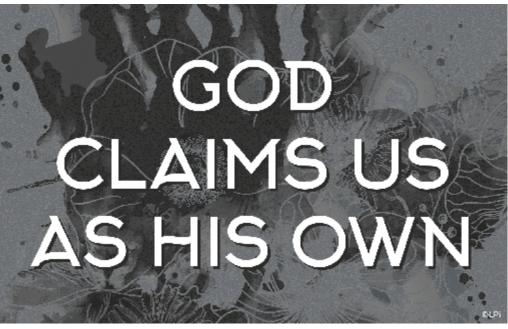
ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

"We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ."

— Pope Francis

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and

It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves others the new creations that we or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, Yet, that is precisely what baptism care for the weak and the poor.

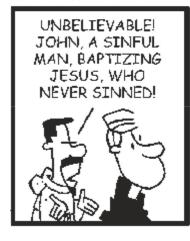


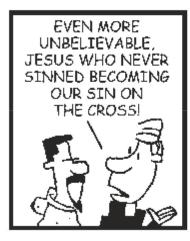
offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and purpose we need to properly live life. proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to are. This is how we live our baptism.

> It is difficult to walk against the tide. calls us to do. Although we are

sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear. ©LPi

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CHRISTMAS TREATS

Before Christmas, a group of Elves got together and made treat boxes for 25 "spectacular" people at St. Stanislaus Kostka School. Here are the Elves and their treats:















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