

# CATHOLIC PARISHES

## OF ADAMS & CHESHIRE



### MASS SCHEDULE & CONFESSION

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

##### MONDAY | TUESDAY

8:30 a.m. - Notre Dame

##### WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY

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

\*\*\*A new daily Mass schedule will begin the week of February 7th

#### 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 30, 2022

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BOOK STORE @ NOTRE DAME SCHOOL - LAST TWO WEEKS OF EACH MONTH

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REGULAR COLLECTION	\$3,776.00
ENERGY/FUEL	\$45.00
DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT	\$170.00
FIRST OFFERING	\$20.00
ELMS COLLEGE	\$10.00
CHRISTMAS	\$10.00
LATIN AMERICA	\$170.00
<b>TOTAL OFFERING</b>	<b>\$4,201.00</b>

#### ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION OFFERTORY GIVING - 1-23-2022

REGULAR COLLECTION	\$1,501.00
ONLINE GIVING	\$298.00
ENERGY/FUEL	\$60.00
MAINTENANCE	\$45.00
CHRISTMAS	\$20.00
SNOW REMOVAL	\$30.00
LATIN AMERICA	\$85.00
EASTER FLOWERS	\$25.00
<b>TOTAL OFFERING</b>	<b>\$2,064.00</b>

*Thank you for your continued support and generosity!*

IF YOU WOULD LIKE A COPY OF YOUR 2021 GIVING STATEMENT, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR PARISH OFFICE. COPIES WILL BE PROVIDED UPON REQUEST AT THE END OF JANUARY.

### IMPORTANT HEALTH NOTICE

**WE ARE RIGHT IN THE THICK OF COLD AND FLU SEASON IN ADDITION TO AN INCREASE IN COVID CASES. PLEASE DO YOUR PART IN HELPING TO KEEP THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH HEALTHY.**

- If you have a fever, cough, shortness of breath, cold symptoms, and/or feel generally unwell, please stay home
- If you test positive for COVID, you must quarantine and follow public health protocols
- If you test negative for COVID, but still have any of the above mentioned symptoms, please stay home
- Please wash your hands, use hand sanitizer, and practice good general hygiene
- Masks continue to be recommended per diocesan protocol

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3

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

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Coffee Hour - St. Mary's - Following Mass

#### FEBRUARY

St. Mary's Money Raffle Mailing

#### MARCH

St. John Paul II Cash Calendar Mailing

#### MARCH

Rosary Sodality Meetings Resume

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 13

St. Patrick's Day Coffee Hour - St. Mary's

#### APRIL 1 - 30

St. John Paul II Cash Calendar Drawings

#### MONDAY, APRIL 4

Soup & Bread Supper - St. Mary's - 6:00 p.m.

#### SATURDAY, MAY 8 & SUNDAY, MAY 9

Mass Citizens for Life Rose Drive - Both Parishes

#### FRIDAY, JUNE 24

Father Tom Campsite Dedication & Concert

# MASS INTENTIONS

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 29, 2022

4:00 P.M.     **JOHN HOLMES, JR.**  
NOTRE DAME     REQ. BY HIS WIFE & FAMILY

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 30, 2022

8:00 A.M.     **ANDREW, ANNA, ADOLF, & JOSEPH MAZNICKI**  
ST. STANISLAUS     REQ. BY JOAN MAZNICKI (MASS TRUST)

9:30 A.M.     **ANTHONY ARIGONI**  
ST. MARY'S     REQ. BY THE PICKERING FAMILY

## MONDAY, JANUARY 31, 2022

8:30 A.M.     **ANNA ROCHE FAMILY**  
NOTRE DAME     REQ. BY OUR PARISHES

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2022

8:30 A.M.     **MARISSA MOREY**  
NOTRE DAME     REQ. BY CIOCI ROBIN

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2022

8:30 A.M.     **RICK DIETLIN**  
ST. MARY'S     REQ. BY JENNY MCCLOUD

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2022

8:30 A.M.     **THE PARISHIONERS OF St. JOHN PAUL II & St. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION**  
ST. MARY'S

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2022

NO MASS

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2022

4:00 P.M.     **DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE CHARBONNEAU FAMILY**  
NOTRE DAME     REQ. BY TINA CHARBONNEAU

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2022

8:00 A.M.     **IRENE CWALINSKI**  
ST. STANISLAUS     REQ. BY FAMILY

9:30 A.M.     **STAN & SUE SKUBEL AND STAN SR.**  
ST. MARY'S     REQ. BY LEO SKUBEL

# PARISH CANDLES, GIFTS, & MEMORIAL

## ST. STANISLAUS KOSTKA MISSION CHURCH

BLESSED MOTHER     **DOROTHY LAUTH** BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE  
REQ. BY HER DAUGHTER, DEBRA AND GARY JOSEFIK & FAMILY

SACRED HEART     **DOROTHY LAUTH** BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE  
REQ. BY HER SISTER, VALERIE

## \*\*\*NEW WEEKDAY MASS TIMES\*\*\*

UPDATED SCHEDULE TO START FEBRUARY 7TH

**MONDAY & TUESDAY - 8:30 A.M. AT NOTRE DAME**

**WEDNESDAY - 8:30 A.M. COMMUNION SERVICE FOLLOWED BY ADORATION AT NOTRE DAME**

**THURSDAY & FRIDAY - 8:30 A.M. AT ST. MARY'S**

# ST. STANISLAUS KOSTKA CEMETERY

## FEBRUARY MEMORIAL LIGHTS

### PATHWAY LIGHTS

PAUL AITKEN  
REQ. BY FAMILY

### RESURRECTION LIGHTS

JACK USHER  
REQ. BY PHIL & MARGARET MARKOVITZ

### GROTTO LIGHTS

ETTA RICHARDS & CYNTHIA MCGRATH  
REQ. BY MARC

## WEEKDAY MASSES & ADORATION

We are happy to announce that Adoration will return to Wednesday mornings at Notre Dame in Adams. Starting the week of February 7th, there will be a new weekday schedule. Masses will continue at 8:30 a.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays at Notre Dame. On Wednesdays, there will be a Communion Service at 8:30 a.m. followed by Adoration until 12:00 noon at Notre Dame. On Thursdays and Fridays, Mass will be held at 8:30 a.m. at St. Mary's.

## 2022 MISSALS

Remaining copies of the 2022 Missals are available at all churches for parishioners to use during Masses. Copies are available in the back of the churches in Adams and at the side vestibules in Cheshire. After using the missals, please return them to ensure they are ready to use week after week. Thank you!

## SNOW CANCELLATIONS \*\*\*Updated\*\*\*

It is Fr. Cyr's plan to be present for Daily Mass even when schools are closed or delayed. If the weather is particularly bad, the Mass may be canceled. If you are unsure about the status of the Mass, please call the St. Mary's Office at 413-743-2110, before heading out the door. The voicemail will indicate when Mass is canceled. The parish offices will not automatically close when schools are closed either. On days with inclement weather, please call the office before stopping in.

***As always, please use your judgement when traveling.***

## CENSUS INFORMATION

Now that it is the start to a new year, now is the time to update your contact information with the parish if it has changed. If you have a new phone number or mailing address, please be sure to contact your parish office. Please note, envelope correction requests may take more than one envelope cycle to update with the company.



# NEWS, FUNDRAISERS, & EVENTS

## SJPII BOOK STORE

The SJPII Book Store at Notre Dame has new hours for the remainder of the winter. They will be open on Fridays and Saturdays of the last two weeks of each month from 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon. In the event of snow or bad weather, the store will not be open.

## WREATH SALE

The St. John Paul II Parish 2021 wreath sale raised close to \$2000 for the parish. Thank you to all for your support of this fundraiser. A special thank you to all the volunteers who helped in many ways, from setting up, to cutting and making bows, to decorating wreaths and braving the cold to sell them. The wreaths were all unique and beautiful. The 2021 volunteers who decorated were Carol Graves, Nancy Kelly, Fran Bassi, Bev Favreau, Barb Bessette, Elizabeth Wyman, Barb Kittler, Terry Winarski, Pat Taylor, Sue Mendel, Mary Whitman, Hasna Karah, Diane Wyman, Sandy Totter, Ann Romanos, Ann Marie Noel, and Eleanor Daigneault. Thank you to Tom Higgins, David Skalski, and Roland Racine for helping to set up and break down tables and clean up. A special, thank you to Barb Bessette and Jim Dynes for braving the cold for two weekends to sell the wreaths.

## LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

St. Mary's will be conducting a Lenten Food Drive to benefit the Cheshire Pantry. The event will begin on Ash Wednesday, March 2nd. Non-perishable food items will then be collected throughout Lent in the parish hall and donated to the Cheshire Pantry after Easter.

## SOUP & BREAD SUPPER

**The St. Mary's Soup & Bread Supper will return on Monday, April 4th at 6:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Admission is FREE!**

The tradition of the Soup & Bread Supper at St. Mary's goes back decades. Soup makers bring pots of soup and bread makers bring delicious homemade or bakery breads. People in the parish community are then welcome to come and enjoy an evening of soup, bread, and fellowship. Admission is free, we simply ask for a donation of a non-perishable food item in exchange for entrance.

In February, sign-up sheets will be available for those interested in making soup and bread. In March, the free entrance tickets will be available (these tickets are used to obtain an anticipated head count). Stay tuned for more details as we get closer to the event. All are welcome to attend!

For questions, please contact Lynn Melchiori at 413-663-4098.

## ST. BLAISE

### FEAST DAY | FEBRUARY 3RD

You may be familiar with the annual "blessing of throats" that many parishes in the United States use to commemorate the beloved bishop and martyr. St. Blaise lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. Due to religious persecution, he was forced to flee and hide in a cave in the back country in order to save his life.

History has it that one day a group of hunters stumbled upon where St. Blaise was living. They found the bishop kneeling in prayer, surrounded by wolves, lions, and bears that he had tamed. The legend has it that as the hunters dragged Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise's command, the child was able to cough up the bone and thus lived. Today we remember the saint on his feast day by taking two candles, crossing them against the throat, and saying the following prayer:

*Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.* ©LPI

## BLESSING OF THROATS

The Blessing of Throats will take place at daily Mass on Thursday, February 3rd and at weekend Masses on Saturday, February 5th and Sunday, February 6th.

## UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS

St. Mary's will be conducting a money raffle like the one previously held in conjunction with the Christmas Bazaar. The mailing will take place in February.

St. John Paul II will be running a cash calendar fundraiser with mailings going out in March and the drawings taking place in April.

## PET BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Bereavement, the sadness that one experiences when someone is lost through death, can occur when a person loses a pet they love dearly. Pet loss is an area that receives little attention in our society. Fr. Dariusz from St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish and Dick Moreau are looking to establish a ministry that would address this need.

If you or someone you know may be interested in being a part of this group, please contact the St. Elizabeth's Parish Office at 413-663-5316 or Dick Moreau at 413-663-5764. Any help to form this supportive ministry will be greatly appreciated.

# KEEPING OUR FAITH ALIVE

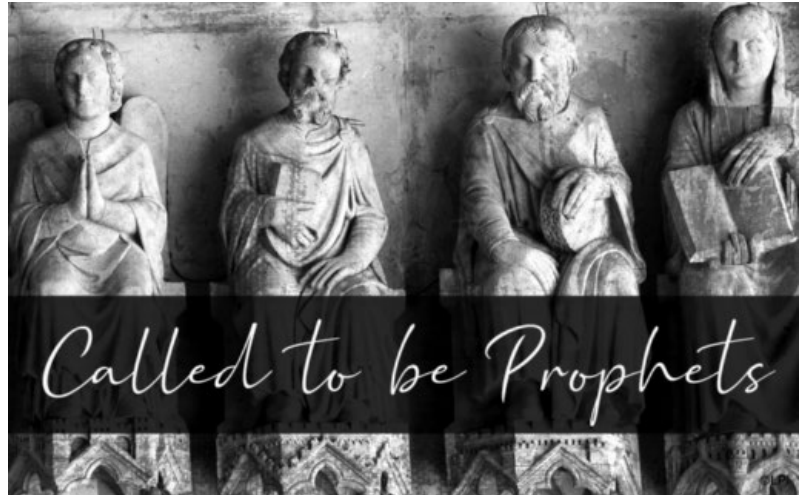
## GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

St. Oscar Romero (1917-1980) was a "Salvadoran Roman Catholic archbishop who was a vocal critic of the violent activities of government armed forces, right-wing groups, and leftist guerrillas involved in El Salvador's civil conflict (Encyclopedia Britannica)." As a voice of the voiceless, he was an outspoken champion of the poor who were the ones most affected by the civil unrest and violence. His advocacy provoked several attempts on his life. Nonetheless, St. Oscar Romero was convinced that before all else his faith in the resurrected Christ and the values of the Gospel trumped any earthly concern or worry. He walked with complete confidence and trust. On March 24, 1980, St. Oscar Romero was assassinated while celebrating Mass. Such is often the fate of those who challenge the socio-political agendas of the day.

We may look at the example of witness of St. Oscar Romero as something extraordinary. In one

sense it is. Through the power of God, an ordinary human being did extraordinary things. But, in and of himself, St. Oscar Romero was simply a humble, loving servant of God. Oscar knew not only the power of love but the risk that comes when loving unconditionally. The beauty of God's message was able to shine in and through him because he was able to step out of the way and be a vessel. One can assume that for St. Oscar Romero, one's earthly life has no merit when faith, integrity, conviction, zeal and love are jettisoned. Fear and apprehension had no grip on this man who not only saw but spoke the truth.



the ramifications of this radical message? There are assaults on human life occurring daily. More and more the value and worth of a human being is being reduced and minimized. We are becoming widgets in the production of life. In our whole simple humble ways, we too are called to be prophets. Knowing who you are and what is within your means to do, how can you make God's love real, stand up for what is right, and give witness to the sacredness of all that is around you?

Do we speak the truth? It makes us feel good to speak of God as love. But have we ever considered

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I will sing of your  
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Psalm 71



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