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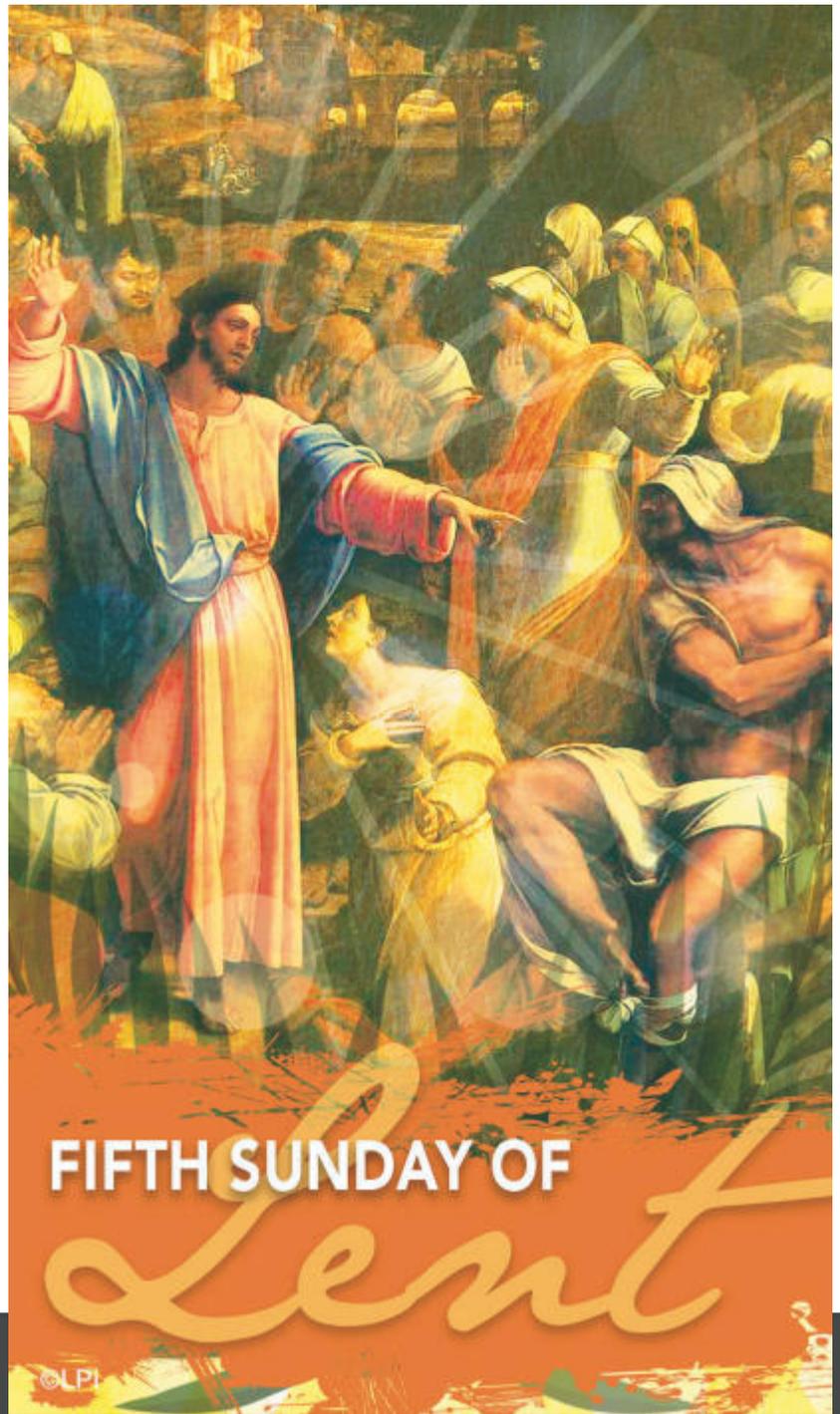
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Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 2021

9:30 a.m. James Kolis
Req. by Tom & Suzanne Kolis

MONDAY - SATURDAY

No Daily or Saturday Masses

SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2021 - PALM SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. Robert O'Keefe
Req. by The Scanlon Family

PARISH GIFTS

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THE DECEASED PARISHIONERS
OF ASSUMPTION PARISH

OUR GIVING

You may now give to our parish in the following ways:

- Mail a check/your envelope to the parish office
Make checks payable to ST. MARY'S
- Drop your envelope in the collection basket at Mass
- Set up online giving via the instructions below

SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 2021

Regular Collection	\$1,582.00	Children's Offering	\$2.00
		Easter Flowers	\$137.00

Thank you for your continued support of our parish! Your contributions enable us to remain sustainable. God bless!!!

Annual giving statements have been emailed and paper copies are available upon request. You may also access yours via the online portal through our website.

ONLINE GIVING

Our online giving system is easy to use and may be accessed via our website or via the link below.

The online giving system utilizes "Stripe" a payment processing interface used by thousands of businesses including Google, Amazon, and more! The interface links with our online parish database, so gifts made to the parish may be tracked on your online account.

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2. Next, enter the dollar amount you would like to give.
3. Choose to give via credit card or bank transfer (ACH)
4. Enter your information.
5. Choose if you would like your give to be one time, weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, or yearly.
6. Click "Donate Now" and your payment will process.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

We are pleased to share with our parish communities of Adams and Cheshire, that the Diocese of Springfield has assigned Fr. Barrent Pease to serve as the Administrator of both St. John Paul II Parish and St. Mary of the Assumption Parish effective April 1st. The announcement was made at Masses on the weekend of March 7th.

Fr. Barrent, who was ordained in 2017, is currently assigned as the Parochial Vicar at St. John the Evangelist in Agawam. April 1st, which is Holy Thursday, will mark not only the start of the Easter Triduum, but also the beginning of Fr. Barrent's time in our parishes. We will welcome him into our parish families at the most holy of times in the liturgical year. The Triduum bookends the Lenten season, a period of reflection, and carries us through the days leading to Christ's death and resurrection. As Pope Francis stated in his Lenten message this year, "let us renew our faith, draw from the 'living water' of hope, and receive with open hearts the love of God, who makes us brothers and sisters in Christ." We are blessed to have Fr. Barrent join us as we follow the guidance of Pope Francis and enter into the Easter season with open hearts and a shared faith which bonds us together and carries us forward. May we take in the fullness of this season of rebirth and be filled with prayer and hope for the future of the Church and for our parish communities.

EASTER SCHEDULE

During this period of transition, we have been working on final details to our Holy Week Schedule and appreciate your patience during the process. Confessions will be held but at a time to be determined.

PALM SUNDAY

Saturday, March 27th - Vigil

4:00 p.m. - Notre Dame

Sunday, March 28th - Palm Sunday

8:00 a.m. - St. Stanislaus Kostka

9:30 a.m. - St. Mary of the Assumption

TENEBRAE

Monday, March 29th

7:00 p.m. - Notre Dame

HOLY THURSDAY

Thursday, April 1st

7:00 p.m. - Notre Dame

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, April 2nd

7:00 p.m. - St. Stanislaus Kostka

HOLY SATURDAY - EASTER VIGIL

Saturday, April 3rd

8:00 p.m. - St. Mary of the Assumption

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, April 4th

8:00 a.m. - St. Stanislaus Kostka

9:30 a.m. - Notre Dame

11:00 a.m. - St. Mary of the Assumption

UPDATES & NEWS

ST. STAN'S BIG MONEY RAFFLE

St. Stanislaus Kostka School has started their spring fundraiser! Big Money Raffle tickets can be purchased from a St. Stan's family or directly from the school office in Adams, during school hours. Tickets are \$10 each and winners will be drawn on April 1st, so tickets can be purchased through March 31st. 1st prize is \$1500, 2nd prize is \$500 and 3rd prize is \$100.

SON-RISE SERVICE

The Berkshire Union Chapel will hold an Ecumenical Son-Rise Service on Farnams Causeway on Easter Sunday at 7:00 a.m. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

IMPORTANT COVID & HEALTH NOTICES

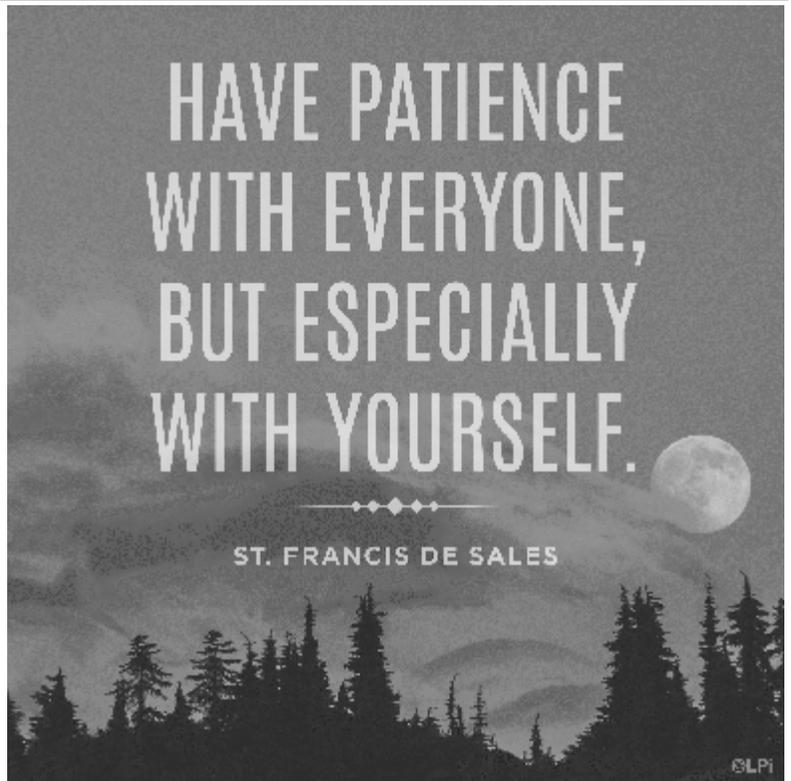
*****If you have tested positive for COVID and have attended one of our Masses or entered one of our buildings, please contact the parish office. Contacting us directly will allow us to quickly contact trace, notify others, and further disinfect our spaces.**

*****If you have traveled outside of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, please follow State and Local guidelines and either have a COVID-19 test within 72 hours before entering the State or quarantine for 14 days after arriving in the State.**

Now that we are in cold and flu season, in addition to COVID, we kindly ask that you be sure to adhere to the following guidelines:

- Wear a mask, wash your hands, hand sanitize
- Social distance and avoid personal contact with others
- Stay home if you have a fever, cough, shortness of breath, cold symptoms, and/or feel generally unwell

Thank you for your continued support and understanding!



LIVE THE LITURGY

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

How do we convince people that God's law is written upon their hearts? God is wedded to God's people. This is a simple and fundamental fact of life. Yet, many ignore this truth and carry on as if they, or humanity as a whole, are the center of the universe. As a grain of wheat has to fall to the ground and die in order to become what it really is, we too must die to our secular images and ideas of ourselves so that we can become who God really made us to be. If all of us kept our focus on God's deep bonded love with human beings, indeed with our very self, then there would be no need to teach others this fundamental life lesson. They would simply know this truth, as Jeremiah tells us. Somehow, perhaps through original and personal sin, we have lost sight of this reality. We have lost our way and our axis. It is time to find our way back, to learn the virtue of obedience, to pay attention to what God is saying and become aware of the Divine Love that is the reason for all creation. Then, even in our darkest hour when all may seem to be lost, we can say as did Jesus, the model of obedience, "Father, glorify your name," by this perseverance, people can come to know the Lord and what God has done.

From today's Gospel:

John 12 ~ "This voice did not come for my sake but for yours . . ."

Let the messages soften your hearts and strengthen your will.



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