

Parish of St. Mary



Worship Schedule

Lord's Day Mass:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM (Lee) 5:30 PM (Otis)
Sunday: 8 & 11 AM (Lee) & 9:30 AM (Stockbridge)
Weekday Mass: (Lee) - 7:00 AM
Holy Days of Obligation (please see inside)

Parish Offices

40 Academy Street / Lee, MA 01238 Hours: Tues, Wed, Thurs 9am-12pm or by appt Telephone (413)243-0275 Fax: (413)243-1926

Faith Formation Office (413)243-1079, Ext. 8
Email: lcsmchurch@gmail.com
Website: www.stmarylos.com
Prayer Line (413)243-1523 (Vicki)

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Deacon Bob Digan - Deacon Emeritus
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2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." - Jn 2:1-3

Parish of St Mary

Please pray for the men and women who have been activated to serve our nation, all our police officers, firefighters, first responders, health care workers, research scientists and essential services workers.

Let us also pray for our departed brothers and sisters, especially those who have died due to the pandemic, anyone who has passed away recently, for those we miss so much.

Dorothy Mottarella, Daniel MacDonald, Sheila Tyer

May they rest in the loving arms of God in heaven. AMEN.

If you would like to add a name of a deceased loved one, please call the rectory.



The Candles this Week

<u>Sanctuary:</u> Pietro and Fiorina Salice <u>Grotto Lamps:</u>

Oratory Lamp: Americo Zanella

Candles may be reserved by calling the rectory at 243-0275

Mass Intentions for This Week

Sat. 1/15	4:00 pm	† Pete and Dawn Simmons, by Mary Ann
Otis	5:30 pm	♥ Wlada Gasperowicz, by Isabella Shea
Sun. 1/16	8:00 am	† Elaine Vosit, by Vicki O'Neil
Stockbridge	9:30 am	† Catherine Chichester, by the Tagge family
	11:00 am	† Joseph Scapin, Sr. (Birthday Remembrance), by his family
Mon. 1/17	9:00 am	† Americo Zanella, by the family
Tue. 1/18	7:00 am	† Gertrude Fresia, by Bill and Becky Brunell
Wed. 1/19	7:00 am	† David E. Gilmore, by Dawn Barenski
Thu. 1/20	7:00 am	† Deceased of Our Parish
Fri. 1/21	7:00 am	♥ Protection of Life
Sat. 1/22	4:00 pm	† Albert & Madeline Coles and Michael Heath, by Mary Ann
Otis	5:30 pm	† Nina Dipon and ♥ her daughters, by Isabella Shea
Sun. 1/23	8:00 am	♥ John Roddy - Health and Healing, by his aunt Ann

MASS INTENTIONS: Contact the rectory (243-0275) if you want to book a Mass. It is a holy action to offer your prayers and the prayers of the Church in the sacrifice of the Mass.

† Dayton Delorme, by Paul and Dorothy Robinson

† Pat and Tim Kelly, by friends



Stockbridge

9:30 am 11:00 am

Ministers on the Altar Next Week

Sat. 1/22 3:00 pm (Confessions): Fr. Brian

4:00 pm (*Lee*): Fr. Brian A.S.: the Murrays E.M.: Donna Abbott & Maureen Wellspeak Lector: Don Zukowski

5:30 pm (Otis): Fr. Matt

A.S.: Logan and Dylan Fedor

E.M.: Carol Lombardo

Lector: Mark Makuc

Sun. 1/23 8:00 am (Lee): Fr. Brian A.S.: Kara Curtin & Amara Buffoni E.M.: BobbieAnn Salinetti & Roger Scheurrer E.M. & Lector: Erin Pollard

9:30 am (Stockbridge): Fr. Matt w/Dec. Jim Lector: Sue Barenski

11:00 am (Lee): Fr. Brian w/Dec. Jim

E.M.: Sue Scarpa & Julie Choi Lector: Malcolm Chisholm

Weekly Parishioner Contributions Jan 4-10th

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Thanks! You make all our ministries possible.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 16TH, 2022

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

Mon., *Martin Luther King Day; St. Anthony*: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50/Mk 2:18-22

Tue.: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89/Mk 2:23-28

Wed.: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144/Mk 3:1-6

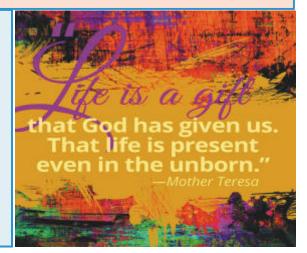
Thu., St. Fabian and St. Sebastian: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56/Mk 3:7-12

Fri., St. Agnes: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57/Mk 3:13-19

Sat., Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children: 2 Sm 1:1-4,

11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80/Mk 3:20-21

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 7/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21



FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Happy New Year! I hope that you and your family had a blessed Christmas and Christmas season; knowing that these have been trying weeks as we deal with the continued challenges of the pandemic. I pray that those families affected will recover and heal. And that we will soon move in a positive direction with less fear and anxiety.

When I arrived here at St. Mary's it was immediately clear to me what a great parish this is, with wonderful people. Over Christmas you made that reality even clearer. Thank you to all of you for your gifts, cards and kind words to me. I am grateful for your generosity and kindness, making me feel welcome and at home here at St. Mary's.

May God bless you and your families in this new year.

Fr. Matt

Answer to Catholic Trivia from p. 8: Fortitude, wisdom, understanding, counsel, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord.

As the family goes, so goes the nation, and so goes the whole world in which we live. ST. JOHN PAUL II Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

SMC = St. Mary, Mother of the Church, Lee
STJ = St. Joseph's, Stockbridge
SML = St. Mary of the Lakes, Otis | SMS = St. Mary's School, Lee

We are live-streaming the Weekend Masses from St. Mary's Church on our Facebook page

(St Mary Lee, Otis, Stockbridge).

You can keep updated on the diocesan (diospringfield.org) parish (stmarylos.com) and school websites (stmaryslee.org) as well on Facebook & MyParish App.

Sun 1/16 DIAPER & BOTTLE DRIVE CONTINUES 6:00 pm Confirmation Class - SMS

Mon 1/17 MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY - No School 9:00 am Daily Mass (Holiday Time) - SMC

Tue 1/18

Wed 1/19 6:00 pm Knights of Columbus Dinner

Thu 1/20 5:00~pm Deanery Meeting - St. Agnes, Dalton

Fri. 1/21 DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL
PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN
8:00 am School Mass

Sat. 1/22

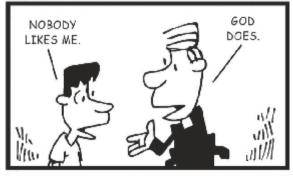
Sun 1/23 DIAPER & BOTTLE DRIVE ENDS

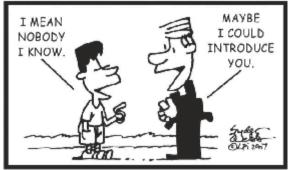
9:00 am **Faith Formation Classes** 6:00 pm **Confirmation Class** - SMS

Upcoming: 1/24 Parish Council & Finance Council; 1/29 Catholic Schools Week Begins; 2/4 First Friday Devotions and Nursing Home Masses; 2/6 St. Mary's School Open House; 2/12 St. Mary's School Father-Daughter Dance; 3/1 Shrove Tuesday Dinner & Burning of the Palms; 3/2 Ash Wednesday; 3/4 Stations of the Cross and Simple Suppers begin; 4/10 Palm Sunday - Holy Week Begins; 4/14 Holy Thursday; 4/15 Good Friday; 4/16 Holy Saturday; 4/17 Easter

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2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





January 16th, 2022 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

We are a Eucharistic community, finding strength in Jesus and His Church by living both Word and Sacrament. We minister to the needs of the People of God through Worship and living out the Gospel and the Teachings of the Roman Catholic Church.

Rectory Office Hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00 am to Noon.

Registration: We welcome all new members to our parish family. To formally join the parish, please fill in the Parish Census form. Our parish census helps us keep track of who is a member of the parish. It is how we send parishioners the Catholic Mirror and parish mailings. If you want to be registered with us, simply fill in the Census Form (found at the entrances of the church or on our website) or stop by the rectory.

Baptisms take place at the request of the family. In preparation, parents are asked to complete one class. Contact the rectory for additional information

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in the Oratory

Mon. - Fri. 8 am - 11 pm Sat. & Sun. 9 am - 11 pm

The Sacrament of Reconciliation & The Anointing of the Sick is offered every Saturday from 3:00-3:30 in St. Mary's Church, Lee. These sacraments may be received any time by appointment.

Sick or Homebound: Kindly inform the Rectory if you or someone you know would like a visit at home, hospital or nursing home. You've come to church for all those years, now let us bring church to you.

Marriage: Congratulations to our newly engaged. Please contact the rectory to begin the process of preparation. The preparation can take up to a year. God's grace lasts all the days of your life.

Holy Orders: If you feel the call to religious life or a vocation to the diaconate or priesthood; contact Fr. Brian or Fr. Matt at the rectory or the diocesan Vocations Director, Fr. Jon Reardon: 413-739-0456, ext. 4

email: vocations@diospringfield.org

New Direction Crisis Pregnancy Center: Has a help line available 24/7. Call: 413-347-8005



ADORATION NEWS: OUR LADY'S ORATORY could use you! As the Year of the Eucharist begins, please consider spending an hour a week with Jesus in our Adoration Chapel. WE CURRENTLY HAVE 20 OPEN HOURS. Available hours are posted in the Oratory. More info can be had by calling Laurie Forfa at 413-464-8143 or Lisa Thorne at 298-3261

OUR LADY OF FATIMA TRAVELING STATUE: In January of 2022, we plan to resume the holy practice of having our beautiful statue of Our Lady of Fatima travel to homes throughout the parish. If you would like to have this statue in your home for a week during the coming year, the instructions and sign-up sheets are in Our Lady's Oratory. Also, when you come by the Oratory, be sure to take a moment to adore Our Lord in the Holy Eucharist. Remember this is the Year of the Eucharist in our Diocese... If you have any questions, you may call Laurie Forfa at 413-464-8143.



MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY: Mass will be at 9:00 am on Monday due to the holiday. Let us join together in praying for unity, dignity and justice as we remember this man of God.



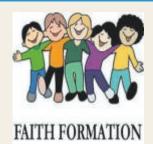
<u>DIAPER DRIVE</u>: The Knights of Columbus are running Diaper and Baby Bottle Drives in January to support Right To Life. Diapers will be collected at the church and Baby Bottles will be available to be filled with coins. Diapers and Baby Bottles will be collected the weekends of January 15-16 and January 22-23. Diapers will be donated to the Berkshire County Diaper Project and money raised from the Baby

Bottles will be donated to the New Direction Women's Center in Pittsfield. Checks written directly to the Berkshire County Diaper Project or the New Direction Women's Center are also welcome. Thank you for supporting these worthy Right To Life causes. You may contact Donald Zukowski at (413)822-7408 with questions on either the Diaper or Baby Bottle Drives.

ST. JOSEPH'S ORGAN: Our beloved Organ at St. Joseph's is in need of some repairs. About \$8,500 worth. We are very blessed to have planned ahead for emergencies such as these in our budgeting process. But we also know there are some amazing parishioners out there with a deep love for a real pipe organ. If you feel called to help us with donations, please drop them in the collection basket marked with "St. Joseph's Organ Repairs" in the memo line. Thank You!

ST. MARY'S SOUND SYSTEM has been upgraded with a new mixer/equalizer and power supply. We hope to install an upgraded sound-assist system. The sound-assist system enables people to use a small receiver to listen in on the sound system at the volume that helps them. Thanks to Sam Sorrentino for all his help with the upgrades!

<u>THANK YOU KELLY'S FUNERAL HOME</u> for the Parish Calendars for 2022. Once again, your support and generosity is deeply appreciated. Calendars are available at the entrances of the church. Please take one.



Welcome Back to a new year of learning ang growth. Confirmation Students will meet this weekend on Sunday evening, January 16th. Next weekend, January 23rd we have classes at 9:00 am for Grades K-10 | 6:00 pm for Confirmation Students. Thanks to all our teachers, parents and students for you efforts as we grow in faith.

There is still time to sign your child up for Faith Formation. Please email our Faith Formation Coordinator, Kate Murry and she will get your family signed up!

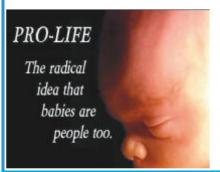
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Novena for Life 2022: The protection of life is a sustained prayer intention of the Catholic Church and of the Knights of Columbus. A Novena for Life is meant to bring Knights of Columbus and parish families together in a spiritual battle to lead their communities, through both public and private acts of prayer, to ensure a culture of life in our nations. Our very own Berkshire Hills Council 314 invite you to join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life novena, 9 Days for Life, Wednesday, January 19 – Thursday, January 27. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more.

Download the novena or sign up to receive the daily prayers via email or text message at https://www.respectlife.org/9-days-for-life

<u>DID YOU KNOW?</u> According to global health statistics, abortion killed 12 times as many people in 2021 as COVID did. **Worldomters** is an independent site that collects data from governments & other reputable organizations. It reveals 42,640,209 people died from abortions last year, while approximately 3.5 million people died from COVID. Please pray for an end to both of these horrible deaths! God bless you!



January 19 at 10:00am -Diocesan Pro-Life Mass at St. Michael's Cathedral, followed by a local march to City Hall (those who prefer may stay at the Cathedral after Mass to pray "The Rosary for Life", followed by a lunch sponsored by Pro-Life

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - IT TAKES ALL KINDS

"If every flower wanted to be a rose," wrote St. Therese of Lisieux, "spring would lose its loveliness."

Who is God asking you to be today? There is an obvious answer that springs to mind right out of the gate. God wants me to be a good person (a good father, a good husband) today; today, God wants me to be a saint.

But this answer fails to get to the heart of the question. We are all striving today to serve the same Spirit, but we are given different gifts to do so. The one who has the gift of knowledge may fail if today he decides he wants to be a healer. The one who has the gift of "varieties of tongues" might falter in the expression of wisdom.

Think about the wedding at Cana and the players in the scene: the servers, the guests, the bride and groom. They all have a unique role to play, and though it is to the servers that Mary gives the instruction, "Do whatever he tells you," her words apply to all.

Today, are we called to be the servers — do we wait on God's instruction and carry it out, no matter how foolish or impossible it may seem to our human ears? Are we asked to be the disciples, to bear witness to a miracle and to give our testimony? Are we called to imitate the Blessed Mother herself and give encouragement to follow God's word?

Let us examine our gifts and listen in the silence of our hearts to the direction of the Spirit. Then and only then, let us do whatever He tells us.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

From the Area and the Diocese

YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST: "Oh, if men loved You, all the churches would be continually filled with people prostrate on the ground adoring and thanking You and burning with love for You at seeing You with the eyes of faith hidden in the tabernacle. But no; men forgetful of You and of Your love, leave You, O my Lord, abandoned and alone. Inflame me with Your love so that from this day forth, I may live only to love and to please You." - St. Alphonsus Liguori, The Holy Eucharist: Octave of Corpus Christi, Meditation I.

www.yearoftheeucharist.net

REGISTRATION FOR WORLD YOUTH DAY NOW OPEN: Registration for the 2023 Diocese of Springfield trip to World Youth Day has now opened. Our official pilgrimage to Fatima and Lisbon Portugal for World Youth

Day will take place July 28 to August 8 2023 and is an incredible opportunity for youth and young adults (ages 18-35 in 2023) to encounter Christ with several million youth from around the world who share their faith. For more information, to watch the recording of the November 16 virtual info session, or to register, go to: https://www.youngandcatholic.org/get-involved/worldyouthday or scan the QR code:



LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Relationships are hard to clarify. Determining whether people in our lives are simply acquaintances and associates or a deeper level of friend is a journey that takes time. Identifying and celebrating those people who really care about us is a lifelong adventure that involves both moments of intense elation and heartache. Some relationships are more easily definable than others. Two people who are in love must decide whether the love they share has the freedom and depth necessary for lifelong commitments. Other relationships may look like friendship but may harbor grave dysfunction and toxicity. Discernment is needed on all fronts. Our relationship with God also needs definition and discernment. God has taken creation as His spouse and human beings as His children. God delights in us and all that He has made. The wedding feast at Cana demonstrates God's investment in all of this, especially our happiness. Life is a time for celebration and great rejoicing!

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<u>Upcoming Training Sessions For</u> <u>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Lectors</u>

The Diocesan Office of Divine Worship created training sessions for both Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Lectors. Our very own Fr. Matt and the deacon from St. Ann's Lenox have been chosen to facilitate these trainings. Their hope is to help the ministers do a "better job" and also, to grow in their understanding of their ministry - why they do what they do. And ultimately to help them to grow in their relationship with the Lord through their ministry. This is a great opportunity to add new ministers and help our veteran ministers to grow in their ministerial role and their faith. In the Berkshire Deanery, there are three training sessions schedules this month.



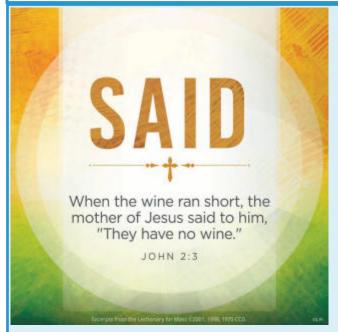
All existing Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors are invited to participate in these trainings. We are also putting forward a call for those who are interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister or Lector at Mass. If you are new, please talk to Fr. Matt or Fr. Brian before you go to the training.

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 be 2½ hours from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM.

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



GOSPEL MEDITATION | JANUARY 16, 2022 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here, isn't it great!" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is

always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love.

God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says, "Listen to him." This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus

January 16th, 2022





ST. MARY'S SCHOOL'S ANNUAL PARISH APPEAL

St. Mary's School was established in 1885 and we are still going strong in 2022! We believe that our school is still thriving because our parish is amazing! The Holy Spirit has inspired pastors, parishioners, school leadership, and teachers over the years how to work hard and provide for the families who choose to attend SMS. We asked a few St. Mary's parishioners to reflect on "What is the value of St. Mary's School to our parish?"

"It's about the Kids!! It's about the individual attention each child receives, the fostering of a caring community within the school, the time and ability to teach respect and consideration for others. It's about receiving a stellar education! St. Mary's has been our parish school for over 100 years! It has thrived because of the commitment to our kids. We are blessed to have such a school in our parish."

~ Elizabeth (Simone) Biasin, SMS class of 1960, Alumni Representative, and current School Board Member

"We are so fortunate to have St. Mary's School as part of our parish. It is a living testament of putting our faith into works. The (financial) support our parish gives to the school helps to make this priceless education more affordable for families who want their children to learn, to pray, and to serve."

~ Brenda (Dupras) Bianco, SMS class of 1987, Parent of SMS Alumni, and current Parish Child Advocate

We ask all parishioners to consider investing in our school. We include a School Envelope in your monthly envelope packets. Every little bit helps. If you don't get envelopes, you can donate online for your convenience: https://www.stmaryslee.org/donate.html. We are planting seeds of faith in our students, who will bear fruit in this parish. We sincerely appreciate any donation that is meaningful to you. Thank you, God bless you, and stay healthy.

A PICTURE FROM THE EPIPHANY PLAY:



CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

 ${\it Question:}$ What are the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit?

(answer on page 3)

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