

Saint Mary's Parish

519 Longmeadow Street, Longmeadow Massachusetts
January 9, 2022 -Baptism of the Lord

Watch Weekday Mass with Fr. C.J. on our website
Monday -Thursday on www.stmarylong.org

Liturgical Celebrations:

Saturday 4:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m.
Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.,
5:30 p.m.* when Faith Formation's in session

Holy Day Masses:

7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Weekday Masses:

Monday -Thursday 7:00 a.m.
Monday: 6:30 p.m.
3rd Friday: 7:00 a.m.*
(*except July & August)

Communion Services:

Wed., Thurs., 9:00 a.m.
Friday (except 3rd Friday) 7:00 a.m.

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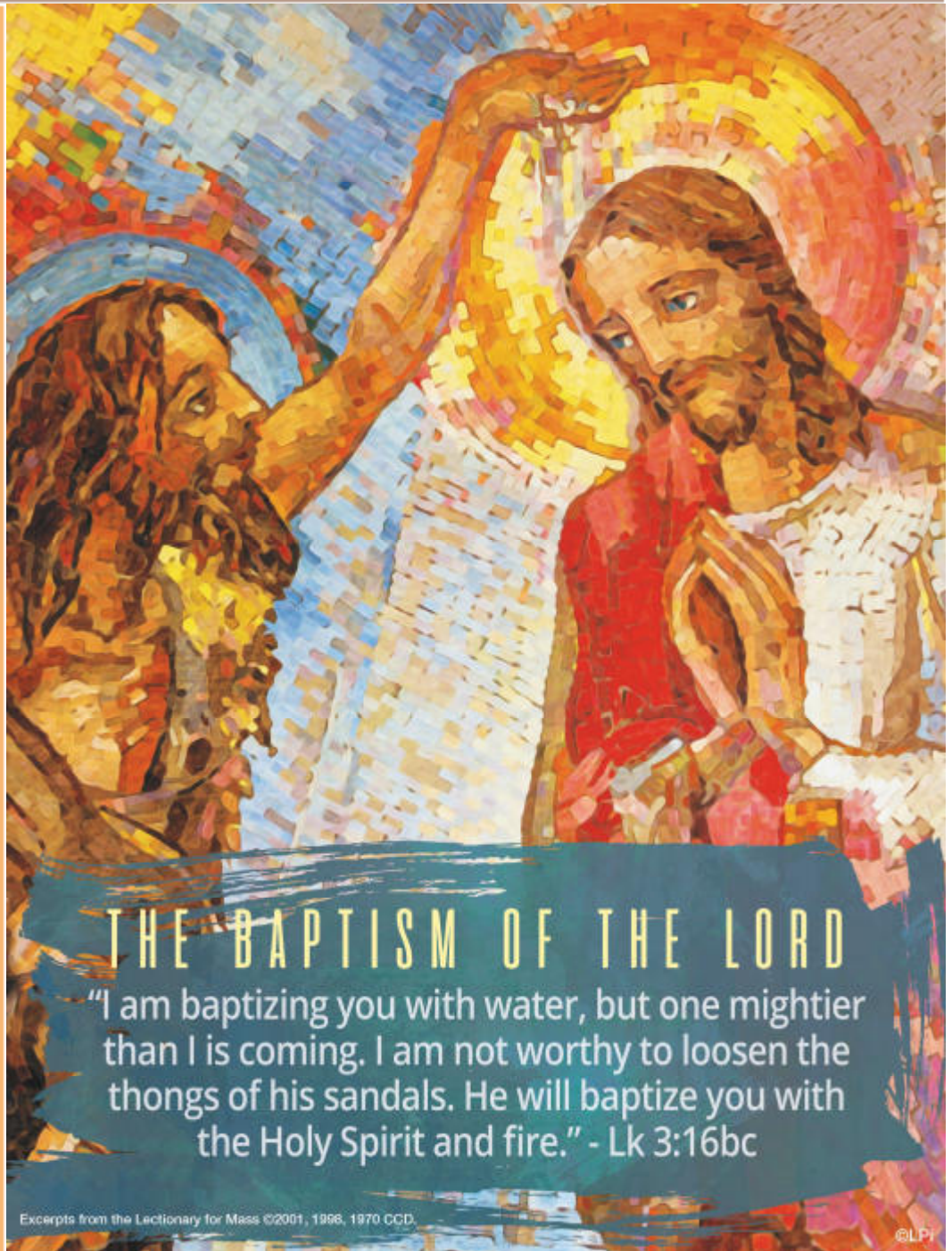
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Devotions

Monday: Mass with the Miraculous Medal Novena-6:30 p.m. - Rosary after Mass
Tuesday: Eucharistic Adoration: 7:30 a.m. - noon
First Fridays: 12-5:00 p.m.
First Saturdays: Respect for Life Mass & Rosary, 8-9:00 a.m.
Confession: Saturdays 2:30-3:30 p.m., or by request

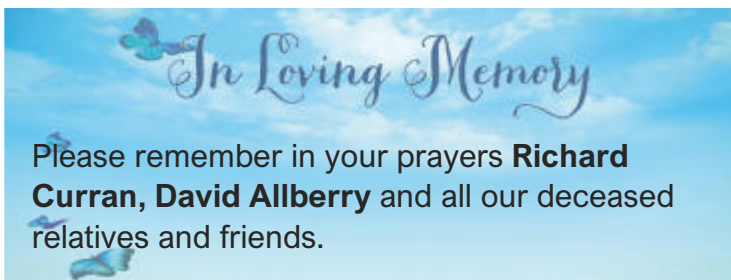
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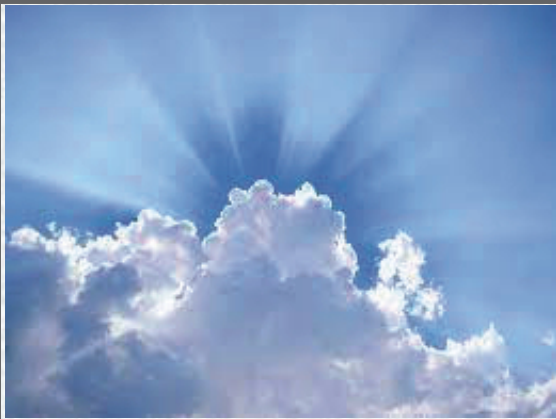
Mass Intentions	
SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 2022	
4:00 p.m.	Joan Hanafin Req. by Mary & Sted Dowd
5:30 p.m.	Rosario & Louise Muratore Req. by Their Children
SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2022	
BAPTISM OF THE LORD	
8:00 a.m.	Anna Burati Req. by St. Mary's Guild
9:30 a.m.	Doris Ann Callan—1st Ann. Remem. Req. by Her Family
11:00 a.m.	Carol Parker Req. by The Cherichetti Family
5:30 p.m.	Young-Bum Kim Req. by His Sister
MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2022	
7:00 a.m.	John Stankiewicz Req. by Father C.J.
6:30 p.m.	Kyle Anderson Req. by The Tolosky Family
TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2022	
7:00 a.m.	Dorothy Henderson Req. by The Harding Family
7:30-Noon	Adoration
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2022	
7:00 a.m.	Deceased Members of the Cardello & Mazze Family Req. by Family
9:00 a.m.	Communion Service
THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 2022	
7:00 a.m.	The Intentions of Edward O'Sullivan & Family— Living Intention Req. by Mike & Trina Cardello
9:00 a.m.	Communion Service
FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 2022	
7:00 a.m.	Communion Service
SATURDAY, JANUARY 15, 2022	
4:00 p.m.	Henry A. Moran, Jr. Req. by Beatrice & Michael Murphy
5:30 p.m.	Terri DiPippo— Birthday Remembrance Req. by Her Family
SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 2022	
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
8:00 a.m.	Alice Pacella Req. by Lorraine Thomas
9:30 a.m.	Jimmy Formaggioni—9th Ann. Remem. Req. by His Parents
11:00 a.m.	Connie O'Connor— 1st Anniv. Remem. Req. by Her Children & Grandchildren
5:30 p.m.	No Faith Formation Mass today

Liturgical Ministries	
JANUARY 8/9	JANUARY 15/16
4:00 p.m. Mass Server: Matthew Kotomski Eucharistic Minister: Sandra MacFadyen Readers: Gayle Karnik, Alta Stark	4:00 p.m. Mass Server: TBD Eucharistic Minister: Sandra MacFadyen Readers: Vincent McPartland, Sr. Maureen Sheehan
5:30 p.m. Mass Servers: Charlotte & Sophia Dion Deacon: Donald Higby Readers: Mark Teed, Paul Marchese	5:30 p.m. Mass Servers: Charlotte & Sophia Dion Readers: Paul Marchese, Mark Teed
8:00 a.m. Mass Server: Brennan Kelly Eucharistic Minister: Carol Cardinal Readers: Barbara Burati, Andrew Kniska	8:00 a.m. Mass Server: TBD Deacon: Donald Higby Eucharistic Minister: John Cardinal Readers: Andrew Kniska, Barbara Burati
9:30 a.m. Mass Servers: Victoria & Elijah Parent Eucharistic Minister: Tim McKenna Readers: Mary Amato, Marybeth Bergeron	9:30 a.m. Mass Server: Ian Rivera Eucharistic Minister: Carolyn Lewis Readers: Marybeth Bergeron, Mary Amato
11:00 a.m. Mass Server: Jerome Pang Eucharistic Minister: Theresa Chang Readers: Jacob Bennett, Gerry Nolet	11:00 a.m. Mass Server: TBD Eucharistic Minister: Kathy Garner Readers: Beverly Coon, Gerald Martin

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The New Year

As we begin this New Year may we all grow in Faith, love, and respect for others. May we also grow in hope... the hope that Our Lord, Jesus Christ will return to us as He promised He would.

We were joyful in the true meaning of Christmas, God sending us the Messiah! We should also be confident and hopeful of the return of the King, the King of heaven and earth.

As Scripture states of the Coming of the Son of Man:

There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright and anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand. Luke 21:25-28

This Gospel message is not to frighten us but to bring hope and confidence that Jesus will one day return...just as He promised.

May this New Year keep us focused on how we can embrace our Faith a bit more.

Practice and receive the Sacraments a bit more than usual. Perhaps going to Mass more than just once a week.

Jesus is truly present in Holy Communion. Make a point to seek Him out and meet Him in Holy Communion a bit more often.

Go into the Confessional... oh yes, I know, confessing one's sins (at least for me) is not a favorite past time. Go to Confession more and make it a priority this New Year. I know it can be nerve wracking but if you think of it this way, Our Lord left us this Sacrament as a way to receive forgiveness for our sins. He loves us that much.

Just like taking a medicine for keeping one's blood pressure in check, to keep your body healthy.... the Sacrament of Reconciliation is the medicine to keep our soul in a healthy state of Grace. We need all the help we can get! I know I do!

So, as we think of ordinary New Year's resolutions, may we realign our life's journey toward God. Living in the grace that God wishes for us is the way to have peace in one's heart.

Praying the rosary daily is another beautiful way to stay connected with our Mother, Mary. When we pray the rosary Mary joins your prayers to hers. She will go before the Throne of God on your behalf. Invoke Mary, Queen of Peace into your daily life~ your home~ and for your families. The rosary will become your shield and bind you to the Blessed Mother, that beautiful chain to her.... the Holy Rosary

We all need remedies on our earthy journey, let us not forget about the important ones. The remedies that Jesus gave us, remedies that we can practice and repeat, over and over.

May God bless you all,

Noreen DiPerri Tolosky, *Chair Spiritual Life*



For your consideration...

In this Year of the Eucharist, consider receiving our Lord in Holy Communion more than once a week! In addition to the 7:00 am weekday Masses, try

- **Monday 6:30 pm Novena Mass**
- **Communion Services at 9:00 am on Wed & Thu. and 7:00 a.m. on Friday**



YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST
Diocese of Springfield, Massachusetts

Jan. 9, 2022
Baptism of the Lord

“After the happiness of communicating: Rise modestly, return to your place, kneel down, and do not immediately take up your book or rosary. What good are the words of men when God is speaking? We must be like someone who is very curious and listens at the door. We must listen to all that the good God says at the door of our hearts.” St. John Vianney, *Eucharistic Meditations: 16th Meditation.*

“Visit www.yearoftheeucharist.net to learn more.

Faith Formation

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING FAITH FORMATION

After a lot of thought and prayer, we have made the decision to cancel our Faith Formation classes for all grades for the month of January. We feel that with the current state of COVID, it is in our students' and teachers' best interest to cancel classes in the short term.

We plan to restart in person classes again on February 6th & 7th.



Is coming the weekend of
February 12th & 13th



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Theology 101: Early Church History- Part 20

Perhaps the most influential figure in the early days of Christianity was Augustine. His life story is well known. He was born in North Africa to a Christian mother and pagan father. He was a brilliant student, a natural leader, and prone to getting himself and others into trouble. He was a bully. At seventeen he took a mistress and a year later she bore him a son. About this time, he became associated with the Manichee movement -- a gnostic sect. He taught rhetoric in Carthage -- basically teaching how to win arguments, a subject much in demand by students in those days -- and eventually applied for and landed a job teaching rhetoric in Milan, where he had the opportunity to hear the Bishop, Ambrose. It was about this time that he became disillusioned with the Manichees and started becoming interested in Christianity. His mother Monica, about this time, attempted to arrange a marriage to a woman of noble birth, but as she was only ten, the marriage could not take place for four more years. In the meantime, Augustine sent his mistress back to Carthage and found another. It was around this time that he prayed "God, grant me chastity, but not yet". Augustine was eventually baptized and began to direct his intellectual powers toward defending Christianity and pointing out the errors in other religions. At the age of thirty-seven he was ordained a priest and shortly after, made bishop of Hippo, a city in North Africa. There he developed a rule for the priests of his diocese, which many centuries later became the basis for the Augustinian order.

A monk from Britain, Pelagius, taught that human beings by living virtuous lives, could achieve salvation. In response, Augustine delineated the doctrine of Original Sin, saying that nothing a human being could do could make up for the offense of Adam and Eve, which was passed on to all their descendants. For Augustine, the natural fate of everyone was damnation, and only baptism could make a difference. He believed in predestination; God saved those he chose to save, for his own reasons. During this time, the Donatist heresy was competing with orthodox Christianity, and there were rival bishops and clergy throughout North Africa. The Donatists arose during the persecution of Diocletian when many Christians under pressure renounced their faith. For the Donatists, this meant that they had to be rebaptized and barred from administering the sacraments if they were priests or bishops. Augustine argued that sacraments like baptism and holy orders changed a person permanently and could not be re-administered. He also argued that the validity of a sacrament did not depend on the holiness of the priest or bishop who administered it. The sacrament depended on the authority of the one giving it, and the use of the proper rite. Augustine accepted the authority of the Catholic Church and promoted the idea of unity under the Pope. He said at one point that he would not have believed the gospel had not the Church proclaimed it.

When Augustine died, he had left behind an enormous canon; his Confessions and City of God are still widely read. The sermons he left behind are beautiful in their simplicity.

Historically when the western empire fell, the papacy became the political center of the western empire. Augustine paved the way for the papal authority that allowed for this. ~ Deacon Donald Higby

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STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

Weekly offerings for the week ending January 2, 2022 were not available at the time of printing.

Weekly Offerings Christmas Weekend

Weekly Parish Collection	\$4,066.00
Christmas Parish Collection	\$11,242.00
Total Offerings \$15,308.00	

December Special Collections

Christmas Collection \$14,312.00

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2021 Tax Acknowledgments

The week of January 24, 2022 the Parish Finance Office will mail 2021 tax acknowledgements to St. Mary's parishioners. After reviewing your statement, if you should have any questions, please email fassist@stmarylong.org or call the finance office at 413-567-3124 ext. 102.

St. Mary's Academy News

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If you have any questions please email Amy Mendrala at amendrala@stmaryslongmeadow.org

Thank you.

Note of Appreciation & Thanks...

to Peter Alexopoulos at UBS Verus Wealth Management Group for your sponsorship of our Advent Calendar Raffle!



From Your Grateful Pastor...

As we conclude the Christmas Season (our 90th!) this weekend with The Baptism of the Lord, I wish to thank all those who made Christmas 2021 so beautiful and joyous. So many adults, young adults and children were part of the success of our Christmas here at St. Mary's. Thank You to one and all for helping decorate, clean, sing, set-up, breakdown, minister, and a host of other celebratory things. It truly "takes a village" to do what we did...so thank you! - Fr. C.J.



The St. Jude Service Club is hosting a luncheon on Thursday, January 13th at the soup kitchen at the South Congregational Church at 45 Maple Street in Springfield. The lunch includes a small sub of ham, and cheese, and turkey. Chips, fruit and a brownie complete the menu.

Volunteers drop off the food; the staff of the Open Pantry assemble the meal and serve it to the patrons at the entry door of the church.

Please consider donating to the St. Jude Service Club. Small cash donations made monthly by several parishioners will keep this ministry solvent serving the needs of the less fortunate.

Checks should be made payable to *St. Jude Service Club* and sent to Elisabeth Therrien at 180 Pinewood Drive, Longmeadow, MA 01106. Thanks to all who supported this ministry in 2021.



**GIVING TREE
THANK YOU!**

Thank you to everyone who has been so generous in donating to The Gray House Giving Tree this year. St. Mary's has carried on this tradition of Christmas sharing for many years, and in this year that has again brought so many challenges, your response was tremendous! The Christmas gifts were delivered to families in need, and the recipients and The Gray House staff and volunteers extend their heartfelt appreciation to all of you who have helped to bring joy to so many children. We are so very grateful to St. Mary's Parishioners for your kindness. May you be blessed in the New Year with good health and joy.



Please join Catholics for the Unborn for a pro-life vigil on **Thursday, January 13th** at 10 AM at St Michael's Cathedral in Springfield. The vigil begins with Exposition, Recitation of the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet then Adoration. At 12 noon there will be Benediction followed by Daily Mass. Please support our efforts to protect innocent unborn life through prayer. Come for a part of or the whole vigil. For more information call Marilyn at 567-6085.



Since the snowy season is here, just a reminder that when we have a big snow, our landscapers will concentrate first on clearing the parking lot, the school and the SIDE entrance of the Church by 6 am. The front steps and walkway will be cleared later in the day. Please be extra careful as you come in and go out of Church.



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