

Saint Mary's Parish

519 Longmeadow Street, Longmeadow Massachusetts
January 16, 2022 –Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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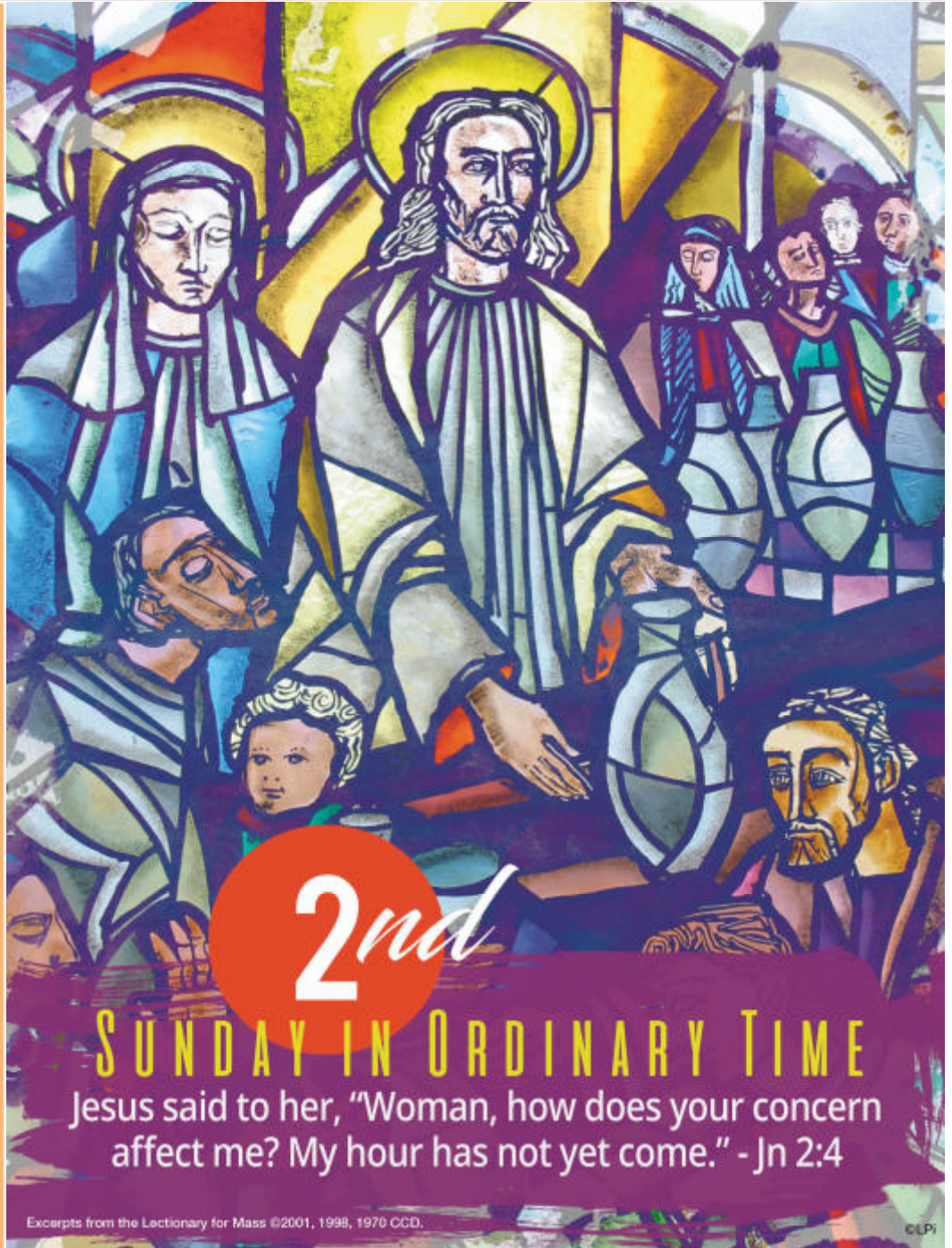
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Devotions

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


ST. MARY'S PARISH

Mass Intentions	
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
MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 2022	
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.	
HOLIDAY OBSERVANCE	
7:00 a.m.	Carey/ Donaghue Families ~ Req. by Family
6:30 p.m.	No Novena Mass <i>*Novena Prayers said at 7am Mass*</i>
TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2022	
7:00 a.m.	Cas & Rosemary Waitekus Req. by Their Children
7:30-Noon	Adoration
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2022	
7:00 a.m.	Stephen Haramut ~ Req. by St. Mary's Guild
9:00 a.m.	Communion Service
THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2022	
7:00 a.m.	Allan Oxx– 5th Ann. Remembrance Req. by His Family
9:00 a.m.	Communion Service
FRIDAY, JANUARY 21, 2022	
7:00 a.m.*	James Riley ~ Req. by St. Mary's Parish <i>*St. Joseph Society Mass</i>
SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 2022	
4:00 p.m.	Marj Knapp & Carmen Vangsness Req. by Jim & Nancy Jones
5:30 p.m.	Rev. William J. English Req. by The DiPerri & Tolosky Family
SUNDAY, JANUARY 23, 2022	
THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
8:00 a.m.	John O'Shea Req. by Barbara Burati
9:30 a.m.	Walter Nero Req. by His Wife, Divey
11:00 a.m.	Alice Pacella ~ Req. by St. Mary's Guild
5:30 p.m.	Derek Baird Req. by The Cullinan Family

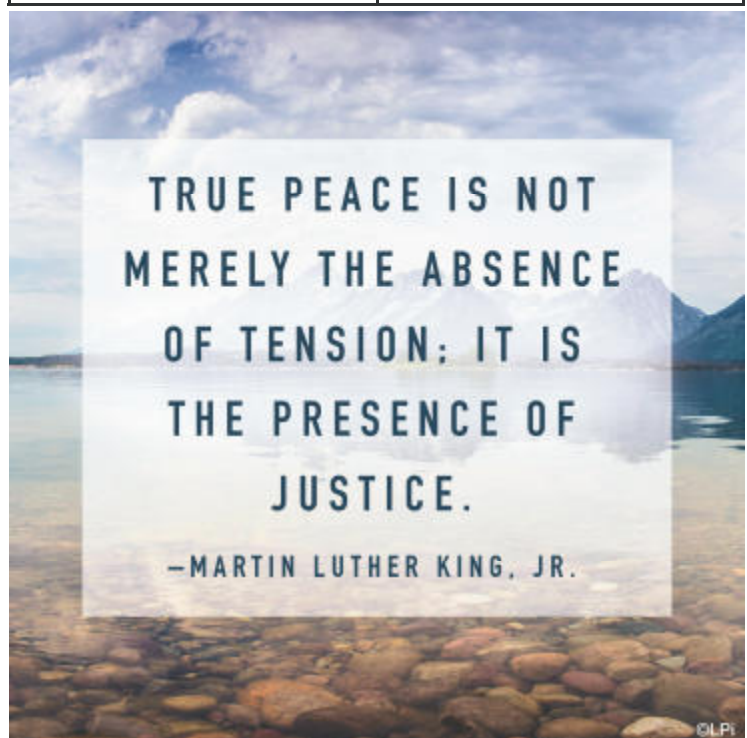
Liturgical Ministries	
JANUARY 15/16	JANUARY 22/23
4:00 p.m. Mass Server: Juliana Komaiszko Eucharistic Minister: Sandra MacFadyen Readers: Vincent McPartland, Sr. Maureen Sheehan	4:00 p.m. Mass Server: TBD Eucharistic Minister: Sandra MacFadyen Readers: Sr. Maureen Sheehan, Vincent McPartland
5:30 p.m. Mass Servers: Charlotte & Sophia Dion Readers: Paul Marchese, Mark Teed	5:30 p.m. Mass Servers: Charlotte & Sophia Dion Readers: Tim Golden, Jeffrey Martineau
8:00 a.m. Mass Server: TBD Deacon: Donald Higby Eucharistic Minister: John Cardinal Readers: Andrew Kniska, Barbara Burati	8:00 a.m. Mass Server: Juliana Komaiszko Eucharistic Minister: Diane Dunkerley Readers: Barney Marshall, Diane Minalga
9:30 a.m. Mass Server: Ian Rivera Eucharistic Minister: Carolyn Lewis Readers: Marybeth Bergeron, Mary Amato	9:30 a.m. Mass Server: Brendan McGravey Eucharistic Minister: Donna Nuzzo Readers: Mena DeCarvalho, Sara Brewster
11:00 a.m. Mass Server: TBD Eucharistic Minister: Kathy Garner Readers: Beverly Coon, Gerald Martin	11:00 a.m. Mass Server: Jerome Pang Deacon: Donald Higby Eucharistic Minister: Susan Oxx Readers: Gerald Martin, Beverly Coon

In Loving Memory

Please remember in your prayers **Fr. James Joyce, Sr. Teresa Moran, SSJ, Gertrude Wagner,** and all our deceased relatives and friends.



Our altar flowers this week are given in remembrance of **Jimmy Formaggioni** on his 9th Anniversary.
♥ With love from his parents



WHY CATHOLIC?

I have met countless people over the years that have identified as having been raised as Catholic but who no longer subscribe to any religion. Some former Catholics decided that they would prefer other religious groups for various reasons. Others believe that we cannot prove God's existence; therefore, why participate in something that holds no meaning for personal growth. I suppose there are many reasons for some people to abandon the Catholic faith.

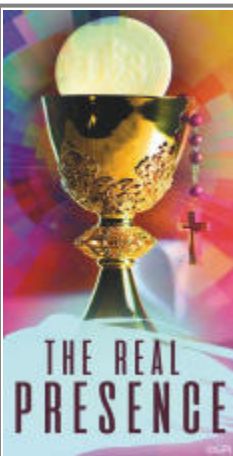


Undoubtedly, there is evidence in the long history of the Church of immoral and criminal activity on the part of some popes, bishops, priests, and other religious figures. So, why do we stay? Why do we continue as Catholics and submit our will to the authority of the Catholic Church? In fact, I would like to take this one step further and explain why I love being a Catholic.

For me, it all goes back to the relationship between Jesus and Peter. As we all know, the name Peter means "rock." We know that Jesus changed Peter's name to Peter from Simon. Now, let's consider just what might be the significance of such a name change for Peter, our very first Pope? In the Old Testament, God was referred to as a "Rock." **Psalm 18:2 says, "The Lord is my rock, my fortress, my deliverer..." Deuteronomy 32:4 says, "He is the Rock, his works are perfect, and all his ways are just."** In the New Testament, we see that Jesus is referred to as "Rock." **1 Corinthians 10:4, "...and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ."** In **Matthew 21:42, we see that Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes?"** What is profoundly awe-inspiring is what Jesus now does with this idea of "rock." **In Matthew 16:18, Jesus says to Simon, "...Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means 'rock'), and upon this Rock, I will build my Church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it."**

What is essential for us to understand here is not so much the idea of Rock as found in the scriptures, but the progression of those entities identified and named as "rock" in the sacred writings. In the Old Testament, it was God and only God that the people relied upon for salvation. God was their Rock. Along comes Jesus, our Savior, and Redeemer. He is fully God and fully human, and He is identified as our Rock, the Cornerstone. What happens next is profoundly moving, in that Jesus turns the whole shebang over to none other than Peter. Yep, the same guy who denied him three times with all of his human fears and human weakness and He then commissions Peter as the Rock, the foundation of his Church.

In this simple example, we can see how the entire history of salvation progressed in the Scriptures from God our Father who is fully God, to Jesus, our savior who is fully God and fully human, and now to Peter, who was fully human and who became our first pope and Christ's vicar on earth. For me, it is precisely this obvious progression in our salvation history that enables me to love being Catholic! We have an unbroken chain of succession from God, our Father, to Christ, fully God and fully human, to Peter, fully human, and from Peter to the one who sits on the Chair of Peter in Rome today, Pope Francis. Pope Francis is our spiritual Father and our Rock. He holds the keys, and he is our shepherd (*By the way, this same meaningful progression in scripture is also true for the themes of holding the keys of salvation and being the shepherd of God's people*). ~ Chris Leary



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. 16, 2022
2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

"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*. "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. Please stay safe!



Theology 101: Early Church History- Part 21

When we think of people who greatly influenced Roman Catholic Christianity, Saint Paul, Saint Augustine, and Saint Thomas Aquinas come to mind. But one person who probably had as much influence as these is Saint Jerome. Jerome was born around 350 A.D. to Christian parents. As was the custom, he did not receive Baptism until he was a young adult; however, by that time he had proven himself an apt student in philosophy and literature. After baptism, he traveled widely and became interested in monasticism. He associated with a group of monks where he became involved in local theological debates. He then went on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. There he had a dream in which he stood before a court and was sentenced to a beating because he was a "Ciceronian" not a Christian. After this he resolved never again to read pagan literature. He tried being a hermit, but that didn't work out and he then went to Antioch, where he was ordained a priest. He had learned Hebrew from a Jewish convert and became fluent in Greek as well. He had gained fame for translating the works of Origen (a third century theologian) and Eusebius (an historian of early Christianity). In his mid-30's he became secretary to Pope Damasius and began to translate the Greek scriptures into Latin. The Latin scriptures in use at that time were full of errors, but his efforts were met with hostility by the Roman clergy. When Pope Damasius died, he and several associates, including women who had formed a sort of monastic order, went to the Holy Land where they established a monastery and cloisters for the women. There Jerome continued the work of translating the scriptures into then - modern Latin. He also began the process of translating Hebrew scriptures, usually from the Greek translation then in use, but when available from the original Hebrew. Jerome never completed this massive project, but successors did, and ultimately the product became what is still known as the "Vulgate" bible.

The Vulgate became the official bible of the Catholic Church shortly afterward. This meant that there was no more controversy about what was in the Bible (many candidate writings were rejected) and more importantly, what the Bible actually said. The Vulgate became the bedrock of Christian theology. The Council of Trent recognized it as "authentic" compared to other bibles available then. Pope John Paul II recognized a modified re-translation as normative for the Western church (other rites have their own translations). (The Catholic Church always held that the original documents when available were even more important, but the Latin Vulgate remained authoritative.) The Western Church eventually set about translating the Vulgate into modern languages. Before Vatican II, the Douay-Rheims bible was the official English translation. Martin Luther translated the Vulgate into German, and other Protestant reformers continued this practice.

In recent years there's been a movement to go back to the original documents when available and new translations have been put forth. But the Latin translation initiated by Jerome remains the "official" bible of the Catholic Church.

~ Deacon Donald Higby

Financial Stewardship

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Managing God's Gifts To Us

Weekly Offerings week ending January 9th

Weekly Parish Collection	\$4,934.00
Mail In Offerings	\$4,745.00
Electronic Offerings	\$6,922.00
Total Offerings \$16,601.00	

Elms College Collection \$493.00

Solemnity of Mary Collection \$732.00

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To Whom it May Concern,

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Once again, thank you on behalf of all at Emerson Manor.

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Contributions may also be made electronically at www.stmarylong.org.

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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PreK 3 - Grade 8



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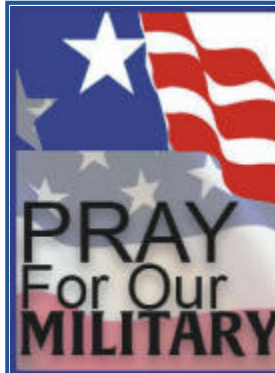
January 30th 1-3pm.

You must register to attend.

Please visit www.stmaryslongmeadow.org to register today.

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

Thank you.



PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR PEACE & OUR MILITARY

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Please email name / rank of loved ones to:
parishbulletin@stmarylong.org.

DONATIONS



Longmeadow Food Pantry
Our town Food Pantry continues to need pantry staple items. Items needed: cereals, flour, sugar, rice of all kinds, canned veggies, jelly, peanut butter, canned fruits, spaghetti sauce, canned tuna or chicken...Drop off items on Saturday mornings between 8:30-10:30 at the Parish Center or leave in the box at the front of Longmeadow Big Y. Questions? Please call Marybeth 413-262-7661. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

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March for Life Springfield 2022

Wednesday, January 19, 2022
St. Michael's Cathedral
260 State Street, Springfield

10:00 AM Mass

Walk for Life to immediately follow Mass

(approximately 11:00 am)

**For those who are not able to walk
a pro-life rosary will immediately
follow the Mass**

**Lunch will be served in the
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immediately following the March**

For more information email prolifepioneervalley@gmail.com

God can heal a
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But you need
to give Him
all the pieces.



Trust in the Lord



St. Rose de Lima is hosting a **free weekly support group** for people who have lost a spouse, partner, family member or friend. ALL are welcome! **Meets on Mondays from 6-7pm** at the St. Rose de Lima Pastoral Center, 15 Chapel Street, Chicopee, MA.



Western Mass Charity Dance-a-Thon canceled

Due to the sharp rise in COVID, the Western Mass Charity Dance-a-Thon is canceled for February 11-12, 2022 and rescheduled for next February. In spite of the cancellation, two grants will be awarded this year from funds raised in anticipation of the 2022 WMCD. "Rick's Place" will receive a \$10,000 grant for grief support services for youth. "KEVS Foundation" will receive the second grant in the amount of \$2,000. Established in memory of 19-year-old Kevin Major, the foundation provides free sudden cardiac arrest testing for high school athletes as well as AED units for public places. Anyone interested in donating to the WMCD, may do so with a check payable to WMCD, PO Box 1413, Westfield, MA 01086. Details of the Danceathon, its Foundation Board, and its mission may be found on its website – WMCD.org.



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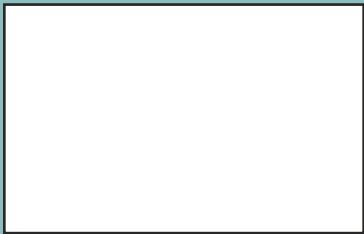


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