# Saint Mary's Parish

519 Longmeadow Street, Longmeadow Massachusetts January 23, 2022 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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#### **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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## 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free.

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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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

## **Mass Intentions**

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

Reg. by Barbara Burati

9:30 a.m. Walter Nero

Reg. 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

MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 2022

7:00 a.m. Kathleen O'Brien

Reg. by Stan & Becky Poltack

6:30 p.m. Michael Edward Simmons

Req. by The Tolosky Family

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2022

7:00 a.m. James Lemieux

Req. by The O'Brien Family

7:30-Noon Adoration

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2022

7:00 a.m. George Brassard

Req. by Father C.J.

9:00 a.m. Communion Service THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 2022

7:00 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. James Condon

Req. by Sadak Family

9:00 a.m. Communion Service

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28, 2022

7:00 a.m. Communion Service

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29, 2022

4:00 p.m. Abigail Vatrano

Req. by Roger & Barbara Wojcik

5:30 p.m. Jeannie Szela

Req. by Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30, 2022

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 a.m. Jose Maria Bernal & Erlinda Capili Domingo

Req. by Larioza Family

9:30 a.m. Norman Smith

Req. by His Wife

11:00 a.m. Elizabeth & Anthony Curto – Ann. Remem.

Req. by Their Daughter & Family

5:30 p.m. Donald Cotnoir

Req. by Tim & Kathy Cotnoir



"I am the light of the world, whosoever believes in me should not abide in darkness"—John Q

This week, the Sacred Heart candle is lit in loving memory of

Dear Husband, Ted Lisowski (10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) Raymond Boll (22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary) Best Friend, Alice Pacella

~ With Love Always ~ Pat Lisowski

Liturgical Ministries		
JANUARY 22/23	JANUARY 29/30	
4:00 p.m. Mass Server: Duke Pho Eucharistic Minister: Sandra MacFadyen Readers: Sr. Maureen Sheehan, Vincent McPartland 5:30 p.m. Mass Servers: Charlotte & Sophia Dion Readers: Tim Golden,	4:00 p.m. Mass Server: Duke Pho Deacon: Donald Higby Eucharistic Minister: Sandra MacFadyen Readers: Pat Foley, Gayle Karnik 5:30 p.m. Mass Servers: Matt & Lucas Kotomski Readers:	
Jeffrey Martineau	Jeffrey Martineau, Tim Golden	
8:00 a.m. Mass Server: Juliana Komaiszko Eucharistic Minister: Diane Dunkerley Readers: Barney Marshall, Diane Minalga	8:00 a.m. Mass Server: Bob Nell Eucharistic Minister: Andrew Kniska Readers: Diane Minalga, Barney Marshall	
9:30 a.m. Mass Server: Brendan McGravey Eucharistic Minister: Donna Nuzzo Readers: Mena DeCarvalho, Sara Brewster	9:30 a.m. Mass Servers: Victoria & Elijah Parent Eucharistic Minister: Marybeth Bergeron Readers: Mena DeCarvalho, Marybeth Bergeron	
11:00 a.m. Mass Server: Jerome Pang Eucharistic Minister: Susan Oxx Readers: Gerald Martin, Beverly Coon	11:00 a.m. Mass Server: Jerome Pang Deacon: Donald Higby Eucharistic Minister: Theresa Chang Readers: Gerry Nolet, Jacob Bennett	

St. Thomas Aquinas' Feast Day- January 28

"Grant me, O Lord my God, a mind to know you, a heart to seek you, wisdom to find you, conduct pleasing to you, faithful perseverance in waiting for you, and a hope of finally embracing you. Amen."



If you have a serious intention that you need prayers for: surgery, medical treatments, sick child, parent, or spouse etc. Please submit your prayer intentions to:

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Being a Good Steward: When a priest becomes a Pastor, he receives a formal letter from the Bishop officially naming him the current Pastor. The wording of the letter has changed slightly over the years, but a big part of the letter still reads as follows: "On the level of temporalities, you have the responsibility of being a good steward, keeping an accurate record of receipts and expenditures, and safeguarding the funds of the parish." While this has a lot to do with the finances of the parish, I also see my duty as Pastor as being a "good steward of the buildings" entrusted to my care as well as the care of our parish family. Here at St. Mary's that means the upkeep and daily maintenance of five (5) buildings. The five of course are the school, the rectory, the parish office building, the parish center and of course our beloved 90 year old church. We are blessed here at St. Mary's with a very talented and dedicated "jack of all trades" custodian named Maciej Borucki. He is constantly fixing and caring for the buildings on this campus both outside and in. As many of you might remember, the sanctuary of the church (the altar area) was renovated and the interior of the church was completely painted back in 2008. This work was financed after a successful Capital Campaign. This weekend, I will be talking at all Masses about the fact that I feel, and the Parish Council agrees with me, that it's time to re-paint the interior of the church. It's been 14 years since it was last painted and if you look up at the walls to the right and left of the sanctuary, you will definitely see the outline of the colored banners that normally hang on the wall. Just so you are aware, we have looked into "simply cleaning the walls," but that's not possible. Over the years the walls have been marred by the heat and age and a fresh coat of paint is needed. I just wanted to make you aware that this was a goal of mine in 2022. Like any house, while our buildings are always in need of upkeep, this "house of worship" will be making plans to paint the interior in the months ahead. Please take the time to look around the church today after Mass and give me your thoughts and comments. I take seriously my role of being a good steward as your Pastor and friend. Thank You for your constant financial support of St. Mary's Church and our other buildings...especially during this ongoing worldwide pandemic. Your constant devotion to St. Mary's and your continual support of our church is amazing. Stay tuned for much more news on this big project in the months ahead. ~ Father C.J.

#### Year of the Eucharist Forty Hours' Devotion Event

Various parishes throughout the Diocese will be hosting devotions through the coming year. All are welcome to attend the next one on

February 3-6, 2022 / 9 am—6 pm St. Mary's Church - 27 Somers Rd., Hampden

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## Jan. 23, 2022 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

"What man could not utter nor conceive, and what he could never have dared to

desire – that, God in his love has uttered, conceived, and executed. Should we ever have dared suggest to God that he should make his Son die for us, that he should give us his Flesh to eat and his Blood to drink? If all that were true, then man would have been able to imagine things that God could not do. He would have gone further than God in the inventions of love, [and] that is impossible." St. John Vianney, Eucharistic Meditations:  $I^{st}$  Meditation.

Visit www.yearoftheeucharist.net to learn more.

#### From the Deacon's Desk

#### Theology 101: Early Church History- Part 22

Gregory the great was the sixty-fourth pope. Prior to the emperor Constantine, a significant number of popes reigned for very brief periods; it was a dangerous occupation. Gregory, however, became pope when the Christianity was the official religion of the Roman Empire, and when the seat of authority of the empire had moved to Constantinople. Gregory was the great-great-grandson of Pope Felix III, in an era when celibacy was not required of clergy. Gregory himself was very well educated and succeeded his father as prefect of Rome. Under Pope Pelagius he was sent as a delegate to Constantinople to ask the emperor for military aid against the Gothic invasion. This was refused, and he returned to Rome, where he became a monk and later an abbot for a monastery. With the invasion of Goths, he was instrumental in holding off the invasion. The people of Rome acclaimed him pope, and he accepted reluctantly. Gregory by default assumed temporal as well as spiritual authority, since the emperor in Constantinople had his attention directed elsewhere.

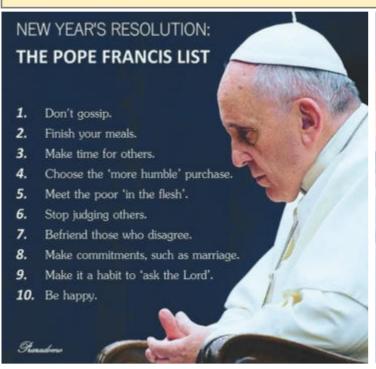
Gregory had a significant impact on the Church. He emphasized caring for the poor, and he made that the focus of the diaconate. He himself would not eat unless he had twelve of the poor eating with him. He continued to live a monastic life, refusing any pomp and honor, as had been the case with popes before him. One of his surviving writings has to do with his desire to return to monastic life and his deep revulsion for the intrusion of worldly things on his spiritual life. Nevertheless, Gregory made many contributions to Christianity. He wrote a treatise on morals, based on the book of Job.

Gregory wrote a treatise on the responsibilities of bishops: They should be "physicians of the soul"; their lives should be spiritually oriented; they should teach and admonish those for whom they were responsible; and they should always bear in mind their weakness.

His reign was not peaceful. There was a plague, and later a flood, which devastated Rome. There were enemies of the empire and Gregory spent a lot of effort in trying to bring peace. There were heresies which threatened the unity of the Church, and we have his writings opposing them.

Gregory developed the Church calendar, invented Gregorian chant, devised the calendar of the year which we use to this day, and was responsible for the order of the Mass which is still used today.

Gregory is famous for noticing some slaves in the Roman market who were from England. He asked who they were and was told that they were "Angles". He replied, "Not Angles, but Angels". He arranged for Augustine of Canterbury (not THE Augustine) to go to England as a missionary, and Augustine was responsible for massive conversions. Gregory sent missionaries to other territories outside the Roman Empire and was responsible for the missionary impulse of the Church. Gregory, as far as we can tell from his biographers, was subject to periods of depression. IN his later years he suffered from severe arthritis. When he died, he was immediately acclaimed a saint by the people of Rome. "Deacon Donald Higby





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Weekly Parish Collection	\$4,945.00
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## Upcoming Special Collections

February 13th - Fuel & Heat



This weekend we take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America! Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean do not have access to church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, rugged rural terrain, and

a shortage of ministers. Your generosity enables our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ.

## Welcome to St. Mary's Parish!

If you are a visitor or new to our church this weekend, we the parishioners and clergy warmly welcome you and hope you feel at home in our house of worship. If you would like more information about entering more fully into our parish, please visit our website <a href="www.stmarylong.org">www.stmarylong.org</a>. If you need to officially register as a parishioner, you can download a registration form on our website, request one by email <a href="maissist@stmarylong.org">fassist@stmarylong.org</a>, call or visit our parish office 413-567-3124.

## 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.

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With gratitude,

Kristen McClintock

Kristen McClintock Executive Director

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Our current Diocesan Monthly publication is called The Catholic Mirror. For many years it was known as The Catholic Observer (and it was in newspaper form) but not that long ago it became a monthly magazine and went back to its original name of The Catholic Mirror. When it was The Observer, I remember that it often had a feature called "The Quote of the Week" and I looked for that quote whenever I read the latest news of the Diocese. For a long time now I have been yearning to start a "Quote of the Week" here in our parish bulletin and I think I'll start this weekend. Last weekend I celethe Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) with a young man. After I had given him absolution and we both made the sign of the cross and he was leaving he said to me, "Wow....I feel different....I feel lighter!" That truly made my day and I said to myself "That's the quote of the week!" How wonderful and how simple a quote as a person leaves the Sacrament of Confession. As we begin a new calendar year, please know that I am available anytime to celebrate God's Divine Mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation ...whether it be here in church, at your kitchen table or walking down Longmeadow Street. God Bless, -Fr. C.J.



#### A Biblical Walk through the Mass

Please join us in the new year for this new Bible study, Wednesday evenings from 7-9pm at Holy Cross parish, in the rectory conference room. This 5-week program explores the biblical roots of the Mass, what it all means and why it all matters, through video teaching by Edward Sri, book, workbook and discussion. Cost of materials is \$30. Please contact Mary Hart, 413-455-4778 maryhart.avon@yahoo.com for more details or to register. All are welcome!



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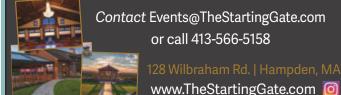
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