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NORTH AMERICAN MARTYRS CHAPEL

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Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m. (Beginning 2/4/18)

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FEBRUARY 25, 2018

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MASST INTENTIONS

ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2018

4:00 p.m. Steve, Mary, & Jack Nowicki and
Christine Sherman
Req. by Leo Skubel

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2018

9:00 a.m. Len Stomski
Req. by Diane & Deacon Bob Hitter

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2018

8:00 a.m. Fr. Geoffrey Deeker
Req. by Our Parish

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2018

8:00 a.m. For the Parishioners and People of
Our Parish Community

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2018

8:00 a.m. Rev. Monsignor Edward Hajduk
3rd Anniversary Remembrance
Req. by Wanda Anderson & Alice Jaskalka

THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 2018

8:00 a.m. Steve & Julia Tworig
Req. by Stanley Tworig

FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 2018

8:00 a.m. No Mass

SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 2018

4:00 p.m. Gladys Skubel
Req. by Leo Skubel

SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 2018

9:00 a.m. Florence, Eileen, & Dorothy Sampson
Req. by Diane, Pat, & Peggy

NORTH AMERICAN MARTYRS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2018

5:45 p.m. Mrs. Preston Tracy
Req. by Her Family

SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 2018

5:45 p.m. Dick Maynard
Req. by Preston Tracy

ALL GIFTS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF
THE DECEASED MEMBERS
OF OUR PARISH

NEWS AND UPDATES

LENT & EASTER SCHEDULE

Stations of the Cross followed by Adoration & Confession

St. Mary's Chapel Wednesdays through March 28th 3:30 p.m.

Holy Thursday, March 29th - St. Mary's 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday, March 30th - St. Mary's

Stations of the Cross 3:30 p.m. / Service 7:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday, March 31st - Easter Vigil Mass

St. Mary's Bonfire 7:45 p.m. / Mass 8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 1st

St. Mary's 9:00 a.m. / N.A.M. 11:00 a.m.

SOUP & BREAD SUPPER

Our annual Soup & Bread Supper is on Monday, March

12th at 6:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Tickets are available

now after all Masses and are FREE, just bring a

non-perishable food item on the night of the event. Come

and enjoy a peaceful, prayerful, Lenten supper with family

and friends. *If you would like to contribute bread or soup, there are*

*sign-up sheets at all church doors. **Soup makers must sign up by***

***March 4th** to ensure a place at the serving table. Please indicate the*

type of soup you will be contributing. We are looking forward to

this wonderful annual tradition and are hopeful you will be

able to join us! Be sure to get your tickets before the hall fills!

LENTEN MISSION - THE FOUR TERESAS

St. Elizabeth of Hungary is sponsoring a three day Lenten Mission featuring Jaymie Stuart Wolfe of Ave Maria Press.

This will be a down-to-earth exploration of the lives of

the four "Teresas" - Teresa of Avila, Therese of Lisieux,

Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, and Mother Teresa of

Calcutta - and discover how they can help you more

fully embrace your faith in your daily life. The series will

take place in St. Elizabeth's parish center, 64 St. Anthony

Dr., North Adams, MA on Sunday, March 4th at 6:30 p.m.,

Monday, March 5th at 6:45 p.m., and Tuesday, March 6th at

6:45 p.m. For information call 413-663-5316.

LENTEN LECTURE SERIES

Sts. Patrick and Raphael Parish is hosting a Lenten Lecture

Series in their hall at 53 Southworth St. in Williamstown on

Wednesday evenings through March 21st at 7:30 p.m.

- February 28th - "Happy or Good: Must we Choose?"
- March 7th - "The Four Cardinal Virtues: Living the Good in Daily Life"
- March 14th - "Making a Welcome: Christian Life and the Practice of Hospitality"
- March 21st - "The God of Virtues"

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PARISH EVENTS & DATES ALL EVENTS ARE AT ST. MARY'S UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH

No Religious Education - Winter Break

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH

Stations of the Cross & Adoration - 3:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 4TH

Deadline to sign up to make soup for Soup & Bread Supper

TUESDAY, MARCH 6TH

Diocesan Listening Session - St. Joseph's - 7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 10TH

First Reconciliation - 10:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 11TH

Penance Service - Grades 3-9 - 9:00 a.m. Mass, then Service

MONDAY, MARCH 12TH

Soup & Bread Supper - 6:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 18TH

Youth Mass - 9:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 1ST

Easter - St. Mary's - 9:00 a.m. / NAM - 11:00 a.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 16TH

Pastoral Council - 6:00 p.m. - Rectory Dining Room

SUNDAY, MAY 6TH

Youth Mass - 9:00 a.m. / Open House 10:00 a.m. - noon

SATURDAY, MAY 12TH

First Holy Communion 10:00 a.m.

NEWS AND UPDATES

DEDICATE A CHAIR CAMPAIGN

We are thrilled to announce the start of a campaign to raise funds for new chairs for our parish hall. As most of you have seen, most of our current chairs are decades old, rusting, and uncomfortable. At events, many of our parishioners bring cushions to sit on. **Chairs may be purchased for \$25 each in memory of a loved one. At the end of the project, we will have a memorial plaque made with the names of all who had a chair donated in their memory.** Chairs may be purchased via check, cash, or via the "Give" link on our website. Please be sure to include the name of the person for whom you are purchasing the chair. If you have any questions about the project please contact the office. - Thank you!

The newest of our current chairs, which were obtained not that long ago and are in good condition, will be used to replace the deteriorated chairs at North American Martyrs Chapel. A selection of the old folding chairs will be used as loaners when parishioners and outside organizations borrow from us. This is also what we have done with our old folding tables. The new tables and chairs will not be loaned out in order to ensure they will last for our parish for many years to come.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The Annual Diocesan Catholic Appeal is underway. "In giving, we receive" is a way to thank God for the blessings in our lives and share your blessings with thousands of others in need. To give to the appeal, either send in the reply envelope you received in the mail or contribute online through ioberserve.org.

OUR GIVING

WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 17TH & 18TH

Regular Collection	\$1,950.50	Snow Removal	\$30.00
Fuel	\$200.00	Easter Flowers	\$20.00
Home Missions	\$183.00		

MOBILE FOOD BANK

There is a mobile food bank open to everyone, with no income or age restrictions, at the Visitors Center in Adams. The food bank is held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. No proof of eligibility is required. Please bring two bags with you to carry your food. Volunteers are available to help bring food to your vehicle if needed. The food bank is offered FREE of charge. Upcoming dates are February 27th and March 13th & 27th. This wonderful program is provided in partnership with the Adams COA and the Western Mass Food Bank.

DIOCESAN TV PROGRAMS RETURN!

Starting on Sunday, February 18th, the First Sunday of Lent, the diocesan television programs the "Chalice of Salvation" and "Real to Reel" will return on the air to Berkshire County via Albany TV station WXXXA, **Channel 8.** "Real to Reel" will air Sunday mornings at 5:30 a.m. followed immediately at 6:00 a.m. by the weekly televised Mass, the "Chalice of Salvation." Both programs are produced by the Catholic Communications Ministry, funded in large part by the Annual Catholic Appeal.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Cheshire Fire Department will hold their annual pancake breakfast this Sunday, February 25th, at the fire station located at 29 South St. in Cheshire. This year the venue has changed to allow guests to see the station and the apparatus. Parking will be available at the station, across the street, and at the bank.

TOWN OF CHESHIRE - 225 YEARS

The Town of Cheshire will kick off their celebration of Cheshire's 225th Anniversary with the first of a series of events, the Opening Celebration, on Saturday, March 10th from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. at Cheshire Elementary School. All are welcome!

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