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NORTH AMERICAN MARTYRS CHAPEL



MASSES

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Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m.

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Saturday 5:45 p.m., Holy Days 7:00 p.m.

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EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 1, 2018

OUR PARISH IS A CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY OF BELIEVERS, PROVIDING A WELCOMING ATMOSPHERE TO EVERYONE.

WE ARE CALLED TO BE A FAMILY OF GOD'S PEOPLE THROUGH WORSHIP,
TEACHING, AND SERVICE AS WE PASS OUR FAITH FROM ONE GENERATION TO THE NEXT.

MASST INTENTIONS

ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 2018 - HOLY SATURDAY

8:00 p.m. Patricia Kelley - Birthday Remembrance
Req. by John & Sue Burzimati

SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 2018 - EASTER SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. William Carlow - Wedding Anniversary
Req. by His Wife, Ann

MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2018

8:00 a.m. Eleanor Kulas
Req. by Elizabeth Kulas

TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 2018

8:00 a.m. Helen Morin
Req. by The Lancia & Sarkis Families

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 2018

8:00 a.m. Doris St. Cyr
Req. by Jim & Carole Pyra

THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 2018

7:00 p.m. For the Parishioners and People of
Our Parish Community

FRIDAY, APRIL 6, 2018

7:00 p.m. No Mass

SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 2018

8:00 p.m. Guerin-Roberts Family
Req. by Deacon Bob & Diane Hitter

SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 2018

9:00 a.m. Marie Matrigali
Req. by Her Family

ALL GIFTS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF
THE DECEASED MEMBERS
OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH

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SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 2018 - EASTER SUNDAY

11:00 a.m. Alan Delmolino
Req. by Albina Graziani

SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 2018

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

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NEWS AND UPDATES



FROM FR. MATTHEW

Peace is the first gift of Easter which the Lord imparted to His disciples. Peace comes from the victory of Christ over sin and death. With His resurrection, we know for certain that everything has been overcome and conquered. Evil is not the last word because the goodness of God has triumphed. Death is conquered by the resurrection of Christ. In Christ, we know that there is a certain future, a sure hope of justice, peace, joy, and new life. The tragedy is that some of us remain dead in our tombs even though Christ has already risen. The stone has been removed but we are not willing to come out. Sin and death have been overcome, but many of us are still living in sin and fear of death. What is it that prevents us from leaving our tomb to face the rising Son of the day?

We are fearful of the future. We worry all the time about our health and our finances and our loved ones. So what must we do to enter into the New Life that Christ has won for us? In Christ we can do all things in Him who strengthens us. (Phil 4:13) Having seen the reality of the future blessings ahead of us, we need not fear, not even death, for death, the last enemy of man has been overcome. Instead, we can live boldly each day in the midst of challenges, trials, confusion, and difficulties, knowing that the grace of Christ will bring us to a triumphant end.

With St. Paul, let us push forward, leaving the past behind and strive each day to be one with Christ in His death and resurrection. He said, "I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." (Phil 3:13f) With the apostles, we must now live our lives confidently and courageously. Easter means that we are sure of ultimate victory and guaranteed of everlasting life, of joy, love, and peace with God.

Happy and Blessed Easter 2018!!!

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PARISH EVENTS & DATES

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 31ST

Easter Vigil Mass 8:00 p.m. - Bonfire at 7:45 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 1ST

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 8TH

Confirmation Banner Making - 7:00 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 16TH

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 21ST

St. Mary's Outdoor Clean-Up (Part of Cheshire's Earth Day)

SUNDAY, APRIL 29TH

First Communion Banner Making - 11:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 6TH

Youth Mass - 9:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 6TH

Open House - 10:00 a.m. - noon

SATURDAY, MAY 12TH

First Holy Communion - 10:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 20TH

Pentecost Sunday

NEWS AND UPDATES

EARTH DAY SPRING CLEAN UP

On Saturday, April 21st we will hold a spring clean up outdoors at St. Mary's in conjunction with the Town of Cheshire's Earth Day event. Volunteers should plan to arrive at St. Mary's at 8:45 a.m. and gather outside the parish hall. Workers should bring gardening equipment if possible. The event will run from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Pizza and beverages will be served to volunteers. Please contact the parish office if you plan to help that day or if you have any questions. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE - ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE

On Sunday, May 6th, immediately following the 9:00 a.m. Youth Mass, we will hold our annual open house event. We welcome parishioners, families, and friends to join us for light refreshments, fellowship, and an opportunity to visit the rectory. More details will be available soon.

ST. MARY'S PARISH APP

If you haven't already downloaded our app, go to your app store and search "myparish" or text "app" to 88202. Stay connected with us throughout the week! Get updates about upcoming events and important dates. There is access to our bulletin, a children's section, prayers, calendar, and much more! If you have questions, or need help downloading the app, please contact us!

DEDICATE A CHAIR CAMPAIGN

Our chair campaign is underway and many people have generously donated funds to the project. **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!

OUR GIVING

DATA NOT AVAILABLE ON SUBMISSION DATE.

CRY ROOM AT ST. MARY'S

Recently, people have asked whether or not St. Mary's Church has a cry room. While there is no official cry room, parents who prefer to be in a space that is more conducive to young children who like to move and make loud noises, are encouraged (not required) to make use of the Daily Mass Chapel. Adults without young children are encouraged to make use of the main church so that those with children do not feel like they are hindering the worship of others in the Daily Mass Chapel. Please note that all are welcome to worship at St. Mary's and may sit where they feel most comfortable in order to ensure the best worship experience.

ST. STANISLAUS PRE-SCHOOL

Saint Stanislaus Kostka School in Adams will be hosting an OPEN HOUSE event on Tuesday, April 3rd at 6:00 p.m. for families interested in the school's Pre-School Program.

Interested families will meet teachers, staff, and parents that evening at the Pre-School located at 23 Hoosac Street



to learn how Saint Stan's Early Childhood Program prepares children for success in Kindergarten through Grade 8 and beyond. For questions, please call 413-743-1091.

EXPOSITION OF SACRED RELICS

St. Mark's Church in Pittsfield invites you to a teaching and exposition of Sacred Relics on Monday, April 16th at 7:00 p.m. Over 150 relics will be shown, some believed to be as old as 2,000 years. Among the treasures will be relics of St. Andre Bessette, St. Teresa of Avila, St. Maria Goretti, St. Thérèse of Lisieux (the "Little Flower"), St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Faustina Kowalska. In addition, there will also be present a piece of a veil which is believed to have belonged to Our Lady and one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in the world.

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