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NORTH AMERICAN MARTYRS CHAPEL



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ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m.

NORTH AMERICAN MARTYRS CHAPEL

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

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Sunday - 8:00 a.m. to noon

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APRIL 15, 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.

NEWS AND UPDATES

SPRING CLEAN UP DAYS

St. Mary's - 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 for lunch.

North American Martyrs - On Sunday, April 29th we will hold a spring cleaning work bee at NAM from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. We will be working on cleaning the inside of the chapel and sprucing up the outdoors for spring. Please bring cleaning supplies and/or gardening tools if possible. Limited supplies will be on hand. Pizza and beverages will be served to volunteers for lunch.

Please RSVP to the parish office if you are planning to attend either event. Thank you for your help!

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 at St. Mary's Church. We welcome parishioners, families, and friends to join us for light refreshments, fellowship, and an opportunity to visit the rectory. Everyone is welcome! We hope to see you there!

DEDICATE A CHAIR CAMPAIGN

So far, 50 chairs have been donated by our parishioners for our chair campaign which is being held to replace the aging, rusting metal chairs in our parish hall. An enthusiastic donor wanted to see us obtain the new chairs as soon as possible and has generously provided the funding for us to order all 150 chairs immediately. Even though the chairs have been ordered, donations are still being requested to permanently cover the cost of the chairs and allow parishioners to memorialize their loved ones.

Chairs may still 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!

MASST INTENTIONS

ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 2018

4:00 p.m. Stanley Skubel, Sr.
Req. by Leo Skubel

SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 2018

9:00 a.m. Delia & Gilbert Stendalen
Req. by Jim & Donna

MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2018

8:00 a.m. The Guidi Family
Req. by Caroline Krafcik

TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2018

8:00 a.m. Fr. John Chwalek
Req. by Our Parish Family

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2018

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 2018

8:00 a.m. Mary Chmura
Req. by Fr. Matthew Guidi

FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 2018

No Mass

SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2018

4:00 p.m. Robert I. Clark, Sr.
Req. by Dennis & Nancy Clark

SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2018

9:00 a.m. Alice & Will Butler and Family
Req. by Peggy & Diane

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

NORTH AMERICAN MARTYRS

SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 2018

5:45 p.m. Alan Delmolino
Req. by Janet Newton & Family

SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2018

5:45 p.m. Mary Jane DiLego
Req. by Regina & Lori DiLego

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

MONDAY, APRIL 16TH

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 21ST

St. Mary's Outdoor Clean-Up 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 29TH

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 29TH

North American Martyrs Clean-Up - 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 6TH

Youth Mass - 9:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 6TH

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

THURSDAY, MAY 10TH

The Ascension of the Lord - Holy Day of Obligation

SATURDAY, MAY 12TH

First Holy Communion - 10:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 20TH

Pentecost Sunday

SATURDAY, JUNE 30TH

Priesthood Ordination - 11:00 a.m. St. Michael's Cathedral

NEWS AND UPDATES

LITURGICAL Q & A

Q. Father, how long does the Easter Season last in the Church's Liturgical Calendar

A. Because Easter is the most important feast in the Christian calendar, even more important than Christmas, the Easter season continues on for 50 days. Easter goes through the Ascension of Our Lord to Pentecost Sunday, seven full weeks after Easter Sunday!

For the purpose of fulfilling our Easter Duty, the requirement to receive the Sacraments of Penance & Holy Communion at least once during the Easter season, the season extends a bit further, until Trinity Sunday, the first Sunday after Pentecost. That final week isn't counted in the regular Easter season, though.

CHURCH CLEANING

Every Tuesday at St. Mary's, at 8:30 a.m. (immediately following the morning Mass), volunteers work to clean the chapel and other areas of the church. **Anyone who is interested in helping is welcome to join this group. Just show up when you are available and lend a hand! More hands make light work.** All supplies are available in the church. If you have questions, or would like more information, please feel free to contact the office.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

Thank you to everyone who has supported Operation Rice Bowl this year. **Please return any rice bowls you may still have as soon as possible.** We are waiting on these to be returned in order to remit payment to the Catholic Relief Services so they may fulfill their mission.

OUR GIVING

WEEKEND OF APRIL 7TH & 8TH

Regular Collection	\$2,818.00	Easter	\$92.00
Catholic Relief	\$164.68	Easter Flowers	\$255.00
Holy Land	\$30.00	Snow Removal	\$10.00

Thank you for your continued support of our parish! Your generosity enables us to continue our mission. May God bless you all!

PARISH OFFICE NOTICE

Please note, the parish office will be closed from Sunday, April 15th - Sunday, April 22nd for school vacation.

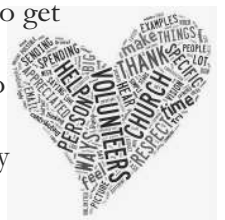
TEAM CORINNE FUNDRAISER

Team Corinne will hold their annual Paint and Sip Fundraiser at Bass Water Grill on Thursday, May 3rd at 6:00 p.m.. The price is \$40 per person. People may call Lexie at the Dirty Brush at 413-442-9300 or Lisa Ryan-Cullen at 413-449-4075 to reserve their seat.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Behind the scenes, there is so much that happens at our parish to keep everything functioning properly.

So often, the people who make it all happen, our volunteers, go unrecognized or are not known to others in our parish community. We are working on a volunteer spotlight page for our website and are looking to feature ALL of our volunteers. No matter how much you give of your time, we would like to add you to our spotlight page. In the coming weeks, we will be looking to get photos of all the volunteers. We will also have forms available for each volunteer to list all of the things they do for us. In the meantime, THANK YOU! We are so very appreciative of all that you do!



BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

The Baby Bottle fundraiser has begun. Bottles are still available. When you fill your bottle with spare change you are supporting the New Direction Women's Center in North Adams. Your generous donations help them provide: free pregnancy tests, prenatal and parenting classes, material and infant care assistance, information on pregnancy and alternatives to abortion, and referrals for adoption and social services. The center now offers free, limited obstetrical ultrasounds. The overwhelming majority of women will choose life after seeing their unborn child on ultrasound. Your donations, large or small, make a difference! Please keep filling your bottle and return it the weekend of May 5th & 6th. Thank you!

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