

# St. Mary of the Assumption Church

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## North American Martyrs Chapel

Shrine of St. Kateri Tekakwitha  
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### WEEKEND MASSES

#### St. Mary of the Assumption

Saturday 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday 8:45 a.m.

#### North American Martyrs Chapel

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

### WEEKDAY MASSES

#### St. Mary of the Assumption

Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m.  
Friday - No Mass

Holy Days Vigil - 8:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.

#### North American Martyrs Chapel

No Weekday Masses

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - St. Mary of the Assumption - Saturday 3:00-3:45 p.m. and by appointment

BAPTISMS - By previous arrangement after Baptism Preparation Class.

MARRIAGES - Please contact Father Matthew at least one year in advance.

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BOOKKEEPER

PARISH OFFICE HOURS  
**ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION**  
413-743-2110  
Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**ANN CAIN**  
ORGANIST  
CHOIR DIRECTOR  
**TOM ROMANIAC**  
MAINTENANCE

### MISSION STATEMENT

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.


**MASS**  
 INTENTIONS  
 FEBRUARY 19, 2017

**St. Mary of the Assumption**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2017**

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

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2017**

8:45 a.m. Albino Graziani  
 Req. by Leonard & Robert Sondrini

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2017**

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

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2017**

8:00 a.m. Leo Dionne  
 Req. by The Mary, Mother of Hope  
 Parish Community

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2017**

8:00 a.m. For the Parishioners of the St. Mary of  
 the Assumption Parish Community

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2017**

8:00 a.m. Dorothy A. "Dolly" Patrakis  
 1st Anniversary Remembrance  
 Req. by Fr. Matthew

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2017**

8:00 a.m. No Mass

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2017**

4:00 p.m. John & Lena Burzimatì  
 Req. by John & Sue Burzimatì

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2017**

8:45 a.m. Open

**North American Martyrs Chapel**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2017**

5:45 p.m. For the Parishioners and People of  
 North American Martyrs Chapel

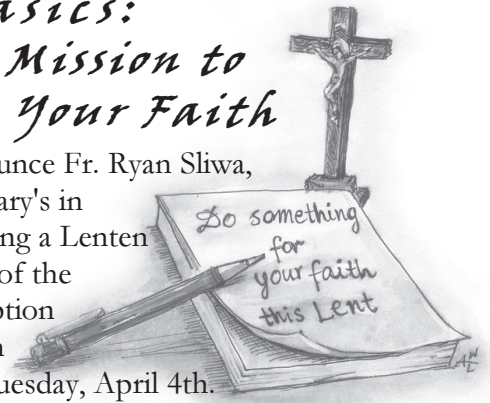
**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2017**

5:45 p.m. Open

**SAVE THE DATES - LENTEN MISSION**

*Back to Basics:  
 A Lenten Mission to  
 Refresh Your Faith*

We are thrilled to announce Fr. Ryan Sliwa, parochial vicar at St. Mary's in Westfield, will be offering a Lenten mission for the people of the St. Mary of the Assumption parish community from Sunday, April 2nd to Tuesday, April 4th.



The mission will be held at St. Mary's in Cheshire. We will have a series of evening talks, in addition to Holy Mass, centered around the themes of the Sacraments, prayer, and living one's Catholic faith with authenticity. In a word, we will think about the treasures we share with Catholics of all times and places, and how these inform our lives today. The talks will be informal and there will be time for questions. Fr. Ryan will be available for the Sacrament of Confession.

*Sunday, April 2nd - 2:00 p.m. - Mission & Refreshments*

*Monday, April 3rd - 6:00 p.m. - Mass, Mission, & Confession*

*Tuesday, April 4th - 6:00 p.m. - Mass, Mission, & Confession*

***Please join us! All are welcome!***

**LENT & EASTER 2017 - SCHEDULE**

**Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule**

8:00 a.m. - St. Mary of the Assumption Church

5:00 p.m. - North American Martyrs Chapel

7:00 p.m. - St. Mary of the Assumption Church

**Stations of the Cross**

Wednesdays - 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29, 4/5, 4/12

3:30 p.m. - St. Mary of the Assumption Church

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Wednesdays - 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29, 4/5, 4/12

4:00-5:00 p.m. - St. Mary of the Assumption Chapel

*Fr. Matthew will be available for Confession during Adoration.*

**Mass of the Lord's Supper - Thursday, April 13th**

7:00 p.m. - St. Mary of the Assumption Church

**Good Friday - Friday, April 14th**

3:30 p.m. - Stations of the Cross - St. Mary's

7:00 p.m. Service - St. Mary of the Assumption Church

**Easter Vigil Mass - Saturday, April 15th**

8:00 p.m. - St. Mary of the Assumption Church

**Easter Masses - Sunday, April 16th**

9:00 a.m. - St. Mary of the Assumption Church

11:00 a.m. - North American Martyrs Chapel

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

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1ST

Ash Wednesday

## SATURDAY, MARCH 11TH

First Reconciliation - 10:00 a.m.

## MONDAY, MARCH 13TH

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

## SUNDAY, APRIL 2ND - TUESDAY, APRIL 4TH

"Back to Basics" - A Lenten Mission to Restore Your Faith

## SUNDAY, APRIL 16TH

Easter Sunday - Masses at St. Mary's and N.A.M.

## SATURDAY, MAY 13TH

First Holy Communion - 10:00 a.m.

## NEWS

### MUSICAL MINISTRY

**Choir rehearsals have resumed on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary's in the main church.** We will gladly welcome new members to join our gospel choir ensemble as we prepare for the holy season of Lent. Youth are also encouraged to join! Please contact Ann Cain or the office for more details.

### GLUTEN FREE

**Do you have a dietary gluten restriction?** Our parish has gluten free hosts available in order for all parishioners to still be able to receive communion. If you would like to receive a gluten free host, please contact Fr. Matthew or the office to make arrangements.

**From today's 2nd Reading, 1 Corinthians 3:** "Do you not know that you are the temple of God...if anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person . . ."

### MASS INTENTIONS & GIFTS

**The following dates are available for Mass Intentions and Gifts.** Please contact the office if you are interested in booking one or more of the following:

#### Weekdays:

February - 27th

March - 2nd, 13th, 23rd, 28th, 30th

April - 3rd, 11th, 17th, 18th, 20th, 24th, 25th, 27th

#### Saturdays:

N.A.M. - February 25th & April - 1st, 8th, 29th

St. Mary's - March - 18th, 25th

**Ash Wednesday:** 5:00 - St. Mary's & 7:00 - N.A.M.

#### Sundays:

February - 26th, March - 26th & April 9th

#### Gifts:

Most February, March, & April weeks.

### FOOD DRIVE - OPERATION RICE BOWL

The St. Mary's CCD students are currently holding a non-perishable food drive that is running in conjunction with Operation Rice Bowl now through April 2nd. Collected items will be distributed locally to our Berkshire County food banks. All children are encouraged during these cold winter months to think of those less fortunate and bring non-perishable food goods to the hall. We will gladly welcome food donations from parishioners as well. At St. Mary's, items may be left in the hall. Fr. Matthew will retrieve donations from North American Martyrs on Saturdays after Mass.

*Thank you in advance for your participation!*

### SOUP & BREAD SUPPER

**Our annual Lenten Soup & Bread Supper** will be held in the St. Mary's parish hall on Monday, March 13th at 6:00 p.m. The event is open to parishioners, family, and friends. Admission is FREE in exchange for a non-perishable food item. Tickets will be available after Masses now through the event at the St. Mary's parking lot door and through Fr. Matthew at N.A.M. Food donations can be brought the night of the event along with your entrance ticket. We are also seeking donations of soup and bread for the supper. Sign up sheets are located at all church entrances. We hope to see you there!

### WEATHER CANCELLATIONS

We have implemented a new policy for **weekday** Masses. Effective immediately, weekday Mass will be cancelled if the Adams-Cheshire Regional School District is closed or delayed due to weather to ensure the safety of our parishioners. This will not impact weekend Masses. You can obtain cancellation information for the school district via the radio, local television news, iberkshires.com, and via social media. We will also do our best to post our cancellations on our social media accounts.

## OUR GIVING

### WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 4TH & 5TH

Regular Collection	\$2488.00	Memorials	\$140.00
Fuel	\$248.00		

GIVING RECEIPTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO OBTAIN YOUR RECEIPT, PLEASE STOP BY THE PARISH OFFICE DURING REGULAR HOURS OR CONTACT MICHELLE TO MAKE OTHER ARRANGEMENTS.

The **Cheshire Fire Department** will host its annual pancake breakfast on Sunday, February 26th from 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. in the St. Mary's hall. The cost is \$8.00 for adults and \$6.00 for seniors/children. Tickets include pancakes, sausage, and beverages. Gluten free pancakes will also be available.

