

# St. Mary of the Assumption Church

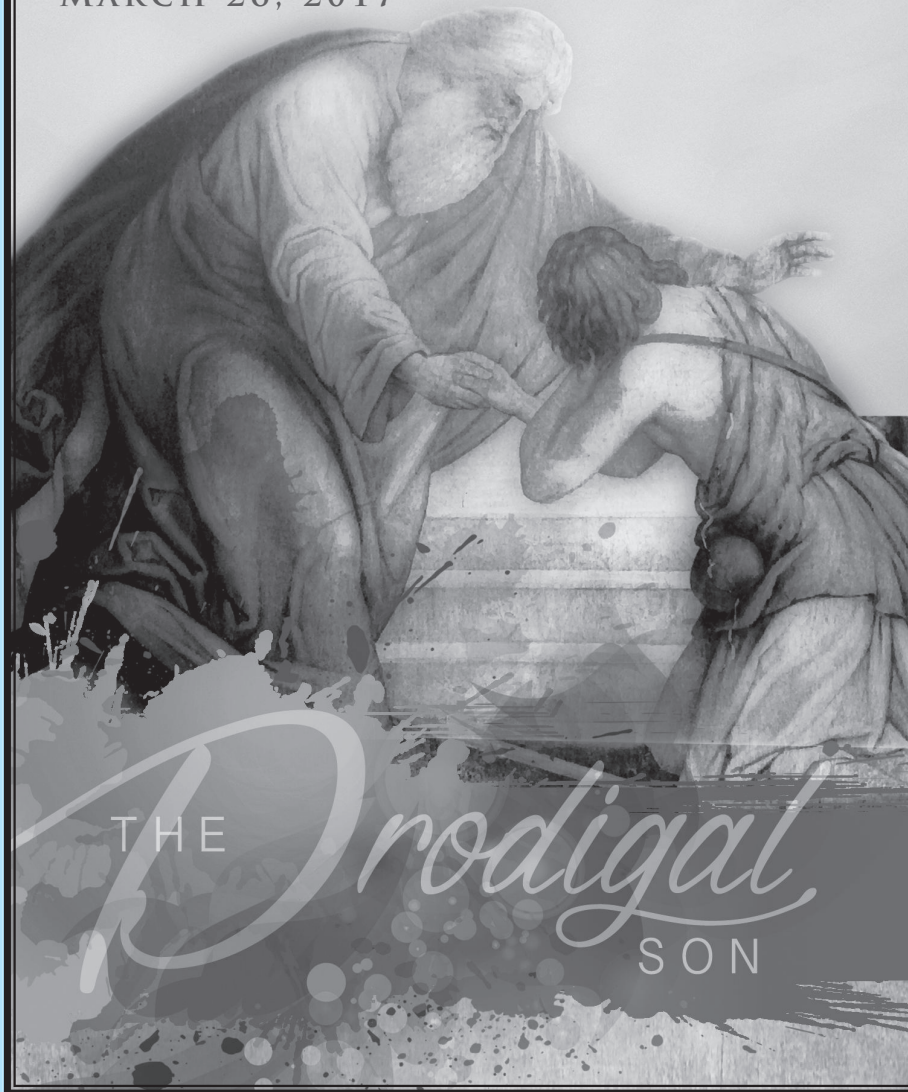
159 CHURCH STREET, CHESHIRE, MASSACHUSETTS 01225

## North American Martyrs Chapel

Shrine of St. Kateri Tekakwitha

151 OLD STATE ROAD, BERKSHIRE VILLAGE, LANESBOROUGH, MA 01237

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
MARCH 26, 2017



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**MASSES**  
**ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION**  
Saturday 4:00 p.m., Sunday 8:45 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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**INTENTIONS**  
**MARCH 26, 2017**

**St. Mary of the Assumption**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2017**

4:00 p.m. Ruth Lisee  
 Req. by Barb & Tony Donovan

**SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2017**

8:45 a.m. Brad Laskin  
 Req. by Patricia Kelly & Vincent Brosseau

**MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2017**

8:00 a.m. Secundo C. "Skal" Guidi  
 Req. by Fr. Matthew

**TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2017**

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

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2017**

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

**THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2017**

8:00 a.m. Joan Massaconi  
 Req. by Albina

**FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2017**

8:00 a.m. No Mass

**SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2017**

4:00 p.m. Earl & Patricia Kelley  
 Req. by John & Sue

**SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2017**

8:45 a.m. William Carlow - Wedding Anniversary  
 Req. by His Wife, Ann

**North American Martyrs Chapel**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2017**

5:45 p.m. Martin & Bernadette Reilly  
 Req. by Rob & Mary Reilly

**SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2017**

5:45 p.m. Open

ALL GIFTS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF  
 MARTIN & BERNADETTE REILLY  
 BY ROB & MARY REILLY

**LAETARE SUNDAY**



The day's theme comes from the entrance antiphon reflecting on Isaiah 66:10-11: "Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exalt and be satisfied at her consoling breast."

The Church's sacred ministers wear "pink" on Laetare Sunday - Roman Catholicism's Fourth Sunday of Lent. Laetare is the first word - meaning "rejoice" - in the Latin text. On Laetare Sunday (as with the Third Sunday of Advent's Gaudete Sunday) the Church expresses hope and joy in the midst of our Lenten fasts and penances. Call it pink or, more fittingly, rose - this change in color indicates a glimpse of the joy that awaits us at Easter, just before we enter into the somber days of Passiontide.

Laetare Sunday is the Church's way of giving us a "shot in the arm" as we approach the darkness and horror of the days through Good Friday and Holy Saturday. It's an opportunity to savor and keep in the back of our minds what awaits us on Easter Sunday, the reality that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead, and that our hearts will always be filled with joy!

Being aware of traditions and customs assists us in celebrating the beauty of our faith. As you can see, there is much associated with even a non-descript day like the Fourth Sunday of Lent - not to mention the rest of the season, or the 50 days of Easter and beyond. Take advantage of the richness of our Catholic traditions. - *Michael R. Heinlein - OSV*

**FATHER DAVID'S NEW ADDRESS**

**Fr. David's new address is:** Fr. David Raymond,  
 St. Patrick's Parish, 30 Main St., South Hadley, MA 01075.  
 May God Bless Fr. David this Lenten and Easter season!

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

## MONDAY, MARCH 27TH

Lenten Penance Service - 6:30 p.m. Sacred Heart, Pittsfield

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

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

## THURSDAY, APRIL 13TH

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 p.m.

## SUNDAY, APRIL 16TH

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

## SATURDAY, MAY 13TH

First Holy Communion - 10:00 a.m.

## SUNDAY, MAY 21ST

Deacon Bob's 30th Diaconate Anniv. Brunch - 10:00 a.m.

## NEWS

# BACK TO BASICS A LENTEN MISSION

Some parishioners have been asking, "but why a Lenten Parish Mission?!". Every parish deserves and needs a parish mission once in a while. The renewal, enthusiasm and shot in the arm from this type of event invigorates even the best of communities.

The parish mission is what renews the faith, commitment and attachment to the Body of Christ present in our faith community. Just as your car needs a mechanic for a tune up, people need one too. To get someone out of a rut or comfort zone, you need a program that is something special and out of the ordinary. A parish mission is a time of grace, a time for repentance, for change, for becoming a renewed person. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is an essential part of the mission experience as well.

Bonding among parishioners is another important part of a parish mission. People may not know those in our parish who go to the other Masses. During a mission, the whole parish is doing something together. Our opening reception will be a time to connect with one another as we embark on this journey together. Please join us for our Lenten Parish Mission as it proves to be an incredible, inspirational event in the life of our parish and communities here in Cheshire and Lanesborough!!!

*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!***

## OUR GIVING

### WEEKEND OF MARCH 18TH & 19TH

Regular Collection	\$2729.25	Home Mission	\$10.00
Fuel	\$125.00	Easter Flowers	\$152.00
Snow Removal	\$55.00		

GIVING RECEIPTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE. PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE TO OBTAIN YOUR COPY.

## MEMORIAL FLOWERS

Easter Flower envelopes, with the name(s) of those you wish to make donations in memory of, should be sent in either by mail or in the collection basket.



In order for the names of your loved ones to be included in our Easter Memorial List, all submissions must be received no later than Sunday, April 2nd. Please contact the office with any questions.

## PLEASE SUPPORT ST. MARY'S CCD

Our St. Mary of the Assumption Religious Education Program is currently holding a Yankee Candle Fundraiser to offset costs associated with their instruction. Funds raised will pay for events such as the New Spirit Retreat, which our Confirmation students participated in, and truly enjoyed, last month. The fundraiser will also help pay for banner making supplies, study materials, and more!

We greatly appreciate any and all help you can provide. Fundraiser packets are available at all church entrances and are due back by April 5th. You may also place an order through the office or online. Please contact Michelle with any questions.



*Thank you in advance for your support!*

## FOOD DRIVE - OPERATION RICE BOWL

Thank you for the contributions that have been made to the St. Mary's CCD Program's non-perishable food drive. We will gladly welcome additional food donations from parishioners now through April 9th. 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!*

## MASS OF THE RECEPTION OF THE OILS

**The Mass of the Reception of the Oils** will be celebrated on Tuesday, April 11th at St. Joseph's Church in Pittsfield at 7:00 p.m. We would love to have a very nice representation of our parishioners. Please let us know if you're interested in forming a carpool to St. Joseph's by calling the parish office at 413-743-2110 or by sending an email to either Fr. Matthew or Michelle.