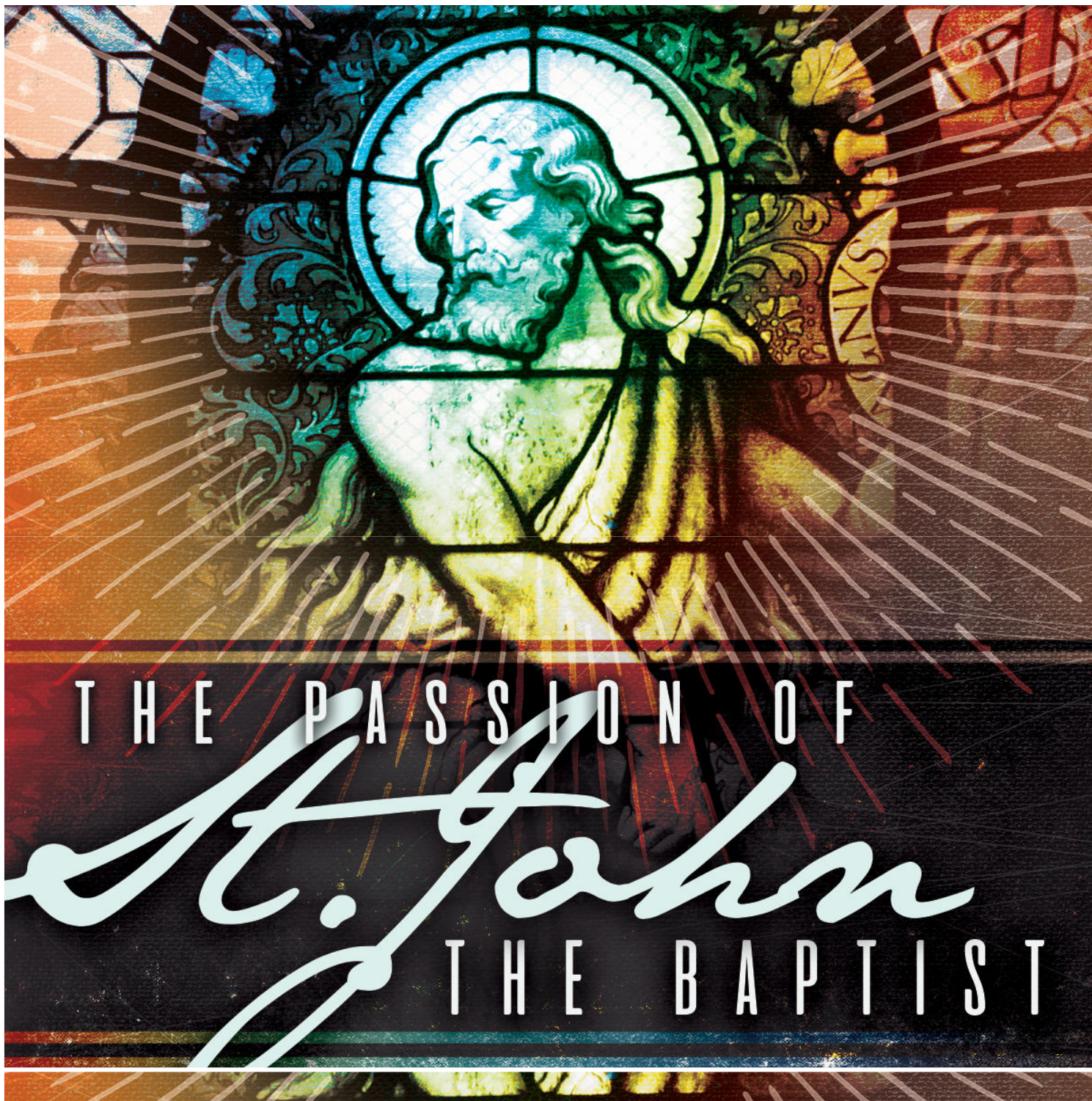


ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION PARISH

NORTH AMERICAN MARTYRS CHAPEL



THE PASSION OF *St. John* THE BAPTIST

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.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

159 CHURCH STREET, CHESHIRE, MA 01225

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413-743-2110

Sunday 8:00 a.m. - noon

Monday - Wednesday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

THIS WEEK:

FALL FESTIVAL TICKETS ON SALE

\$35/ADULTS \$10/CHILDREN

PRIME RIB | BAKED STUFFED SHRIMP

CHICKEN CORDON BLEU

CHILDREN: CHICKEN FINGERS & FRIES

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INTENTIONS
 AUGUST 27, 2017

St. Mary of the Assumption

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 2017

4:00 p.m. William Brown & Roma Gaylord
 Req. by Alice Brown

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2017

8:45 a.m. Irene LeFebvre
 Req. by Lou & Barb Petithory

MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2017

8:00 a.m. Richard Banas
 Eileen Banas

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2017

8:00 a.m. Zelia Betit
 Req. by Irene

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2017

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, 2017

8:00 a.m. Margaret Curtin Holt
 Req. by Her Brothers & Sisters

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2017

8:00 a.m. No Mass

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2017

4:00 p.m. Elsie Graziani
 Req. by Bob & Bonnie Fachini

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2017

8:45 a.m. Ignatius (Ike) Wojtaszek
 Req. by His Wife, Diane

North American Martyrs Chapel

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 2017

5:45 p.m. Mikey Galvin
 Req. by The Mary, Mother of Hope
 Parish Community

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2017

5:45 p.m. Larry Dowd
 Req. by The Mary, Mother of Hope
 Parish Community

ALL GIFTS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF
 THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF
 ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION CHURCH
 AND NORTH AMERICAN MARTYRS CHAPEL

NEWS AND UPDATES

PARISH ADOPT-A-GARDEN PROJECT

We are in the process of recruiting several “crews” to maintain the gardens and sidewalks of our parish. These areas need some tender loving care, so we are asking our parishioners to consider “adopting” a garden to maintain.

How this will work:

- The gardens and various areas of each location will be divided into work sections. For example, the front sign at St. Mary’s will be considered one section. You may choose a section on a first come, first serve basis.
- Maintenance will simply be to weed and neaten mulch on a weekly or as needed basis. Flowers will be planted in some sections in the spring along with some additional shrubs, those sections will need watering and plant maintenance afterward.
- For sidewalks, we need help to keep these areas weed free.
- Volunteers can work individually or team up with others to maintain a specific section or sections. This can work for families, groups of friends, committees, etc.
- Maintenance can be done when it is convenient for you. The scheduling is totally flexible to meet your needs.
- If you are only available on a seasonal basis, we can accommodate your schedule.

To select your garden, or for more information, contact Lynn at 413-663-4098. Thanks in advance for your help!

2017-2018 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration is open online for our 2017-2018 school year Religious Education classes. Please visit our website: www.stmaryscheshire.com to access the application and enroll your student(s) in classes for this fall. All grade levels, kindergarten - 9th grade, will be held Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45 a.m. in the St. Mary’s parish hall. Confirmation classes will continue on Sunday evenings.

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This fall, we will begin our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) program at St. Mary’s. This program is for adults who have not received the Sacrament of Baptism, Holy Communion, or Confirmation, and for Confirmed Catholics who wish to learn more about their faith. Classes will be held beginning in mid-September on Wednesday evenings. Information and registration can be requested via our website, through the office at 413-743-2110, or Deacon Bob Hitter at 413-743-5423 or via email at deaconbob@stmaryscheshire.com. You may also register for classes online on our website.

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH

Youth Mass, Religious Education Begins, New Mass Times

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH

Pastoral Council Meeting - 6:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH

Bazaar Meeting - 6:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH

Healing Mass - 11:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH

Anniversary Mass - 11:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1ST

Special Fall Festival Event - 2:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14TH

Public Square Rosary Rally - 12:00 noon

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25TH

Sacrament of Confirmation - 4:00 p.m.

NEWS AND UPDATES

PARISH PICNIC UPDATE

This past Sunday, we held our annual parish picnic.

We were blessed with beautiful weather, great music, a large crowd, and a festive atmosphere! It was wonderful!

We are so very appreciative of our wonderful volunteers who made our picnic such a huge success!

There is so much that happens behind the scenes, the dedication does not go unnoticed. Thank you to the donors who created beautiful raffle baskets, gave an ipad, and baked goods for our dessert area. Thank you to the many businesses, the Cheshire Fire Department, and others who gave to our event. Thank you as well to the hundreds of parishioners and community members who joined us on such a gorgeous Sunday afternoon!

May God Bless you all!

Proceeds from the event will be available in the next bulletin.

FALL FESTIVAL

We will hold a Special Fall Festival in honor of the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the St. Mary's Church building and of Fr. Matthew being named pastor of our parish on Sunday, October 1st at 2:00 p.m. in the parish hall. We will have a plated dinner by Bass Water Grill. Attendees will have a choice of prime rib, baked stuffed shrimp, or chicken cordon bleu and also enjoy an appetizer of stuffed mushrooms, Caesar salad, and NY style cheesecake for dessert. Bass Water Grill will also have a bar set up in our hall.

Tickets are on sale now after Masses.

OUR GIVING

WEEKEND OF AUGUST 12TH & 13TH

Regular Collection	\$2,396.85	Parish Picnic	\$359.00
Assumption	\$75.00	Hikers	\$51.63

WEEKEND OF AUGUST 19TH & 20TH

Regular Collection	\$2,188.95	Parish Hall	\$804.00
Hikers	\$18.00	N.A.M. Special	\$31.00
Assumption	\$332.00		

Thank you for supporting our special projects! God Bless.

MASS OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Everyone is invited to attend the Mass for the Anointing of the Sick immediately following the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, September 17th at St. Mary's. All are welcome, so please bring a friend. RSVP to Joanne Pasquini before September 17th at 413-743-5953.

PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY RALLY

On Saturday, October 14th at noon, we will hold a Public Square Rosary Rally on the west lawn of St. Mary's near the chapel entrance. This is in celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima. We are in need of volunteers for the event and to provide refreshments. If you would like to volunteer or bake, please contact Patricia Kelly at 413-329-7739.

HIKER PROGRAM UPDATE

Many people have been asking about our hiker program and the changes that had to be made. In July, there was an incident where a gasoline container was in our parish hall. Recently and in the past, there have been issues with the small propane containers being left inside the building. As a result of the incident, we were notified by the fire department that we do not meet six areas of Massachusetts Commonwealth Regulations 527 CMR 10.13(8). These regulations changed in 2012 to protect the safety of those sleeping within a building. We also cannot obtain a Certificate of Occupancy specifically for the purpose of allowing people to stay overnight in our parish hall.

At St. Mary's, we have a long standing tradition of welcoming hikers to our church. We are keeping the tradition alive by allowing hikers to access and utilize our facility during daytime hours and permitting them to tent on our east lawn at night. The hikers have been very appreciative of the tenting area.

Currently, we are forming a Hiker Ministry with parishioners helping to facilitate various aspects of the hiker program. So far, we have a handful of volunteers helping with cleaning, locking and unlocking doors, and restocking hiker supplies. We can certainly use more help! To join this new ministry, please contact the office.