

The background of the entire poster is a collage. At the top, there's a close-up of the American flag's stars and stripes. Below that, a map of the United States is overlaid with a dark, textured pattern. The bottom section features a grayscale image of the Statue of Liberty on the left and the New York City skyline on the right, with a large white cross on the far right. The text is overlaid on this background.

ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION PARISH
NORTH AMERICAN MARTYRS CHAPEL

PATRIOT DAY

SEPTEMBER 11

We will never forget

MASSES

ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 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

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Sunday 8:00 a.m. - noon

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

THIS WEEK:

- RELIGIOUS EDUCATION BEGINS
- RCIA PROGRAM STARTS
- NEW SUNDAY MASS TIMES
- FALL FESTIVAL TICKETS ON SALE
\$35/ADULTS \$10/CHILDREN

MASS INTENTIONS & GIFTS

SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

St. Mary of the Assumption

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2017

4:00 p.m. Sophie & Americo Montani
Req. by Marlene, Dave, David, &
Christine Chapman

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

8:30 a.m. Gail Wellington
Req. by Michael Wellington
11:00 a.m. William Minardi
Req. by The Belnap Family

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2017

8:00 a.m. Rose Graziani
Req. by Albina Graziani

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2017

8:00 a.m. Fr. Regis Giroux
Req. by The Parish Family

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2017

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2017

8:00 a.m. The Guerin & Roberts Family
Req. by Diane & Deacon Bob Hitter

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2017

8:00 a.m. No Mass

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2017

4:00 p.m. Walt Zarek - Birthday Remembrance
Req. by Pam & Ed St. John III

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

8:30 a.m. Michael E. Melchiori - Birthday
Remembrance
Req. by His Children & Family
11:00 a.m. Irene LeFebvre
Req. by Her Niece, Melissa Murphy

North American Martyrs Chapel

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2017

5:45 p.m. Pete Dufur
Req. by Dana Dufur

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2017

5:45 p.m. Irene Dufur
Req. by Dana Dufur

ALL GIFTS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF
SOPHIE & AMERICO MONTANI BY
MARLENE, DAVE, DAVID, & CHRISTINE CHAPMAN

NEWS AND UPDATES

NEW MASS TIME BEGINS

Our Family Friendly Mass at 11:00 a.m. on Sundays, begins this weekend at St. Mary's! Please be sure to spread the word. The new children's choir will be able to sing at this Mass. No experience necessary. Children are welcome to stay after Religious Education classes and join the choir. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

WELCOME STUDENTS & FAMILIES

Welcome to the 2017-2018 Religious Education Program at St. Mary's Parish! If you have not yet completed your registration, please let us know and we will help you. Online registration is available through our website, stmaryscheshire.com. You may also register in person in the parish hall immediately following the Youth Mass.

NETFLIX SERIES "13 REASONS WHY"

In conjunction with the Diocese of Springfield we are sending out a warning to parents about the Netflix series "13 Reasons Why", a controversial show focusing on a teenager who leaves behind 13 audio tapes before committing suicide. This is a serious matter and we want to make sure parents are aware of the series and what it is about. "13 Reasons Why" is based on a young adult novel and was recently named the most tweeted show of 2017. The episodes are graphic and discuss heavy topics such as assault, bullying, suicide, and the lack of concern offered by adults. Patricia McManamy, a licensed social worker and director of the Office of Child and Youth Protection for the Diocese of Springfield, urges adults to refrain from censoring the series or avoiding its discussion, but rather use the opportunity to talk about signs of suicide, emotional distress, and ways to get help. Watch it yourselves too and be there to help your children process the information. Additional resources to help you talk to your children are available upon request.

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) program at St. Mary's will begin on September 13th from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. in the parish hall. 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. Information can be requested via our website, through the office at 743-2110, Deacon Bob Hitter at 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

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.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14TH

Public Square Rosary Rally - 12:00 noon

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25TH

Sacrament of Confirmation - 4:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND

All Souls Mass - 7:00 p.m.

NEWS AND UPDATES

FALL FESTIVAL

Our 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. A heart healthy grilled chicken option is now available upon request as well as a children's meal of chicken fingers and fries. **Tickets are on sale now after Masses.**

GENUFLECTION

Catholics genuflect in Church in order to show our reverence to the True Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

Imagine you've been transported to the middle ages. You're summoned by the king to come before him in his palace. Before you go you put on your best outfit. You even wash behind your ears. When you walk into the throne room you bend one of your knees in admiration and respect of the king's authority and rank.

Jesus Christ deserves the same kind of admiration and honor that would be due a grand king. Now imagine that you are walking into the throne room of the King of creation. When we walk into God's throne room, the church, out of respect for His glory hidden in the Tabernacle we should genuflect. Genuflection is defined as 'A reverence made by bending the knee, especially to express adoration of the Blessed Sacrament' (CCC 1378). As we walk into the house of God, a church, we show our adoration for Him by kneeling before Him.

-Adapted from Life Teen

OUR GIVING

WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 2ND & 3RD

Regular Collection	\$2,335.00	Catholic University	\$127.00
Hikers	\$5.74	Mission	\$67.00
Hurricane Harvey	\$726.00	Fuel	\$313.00

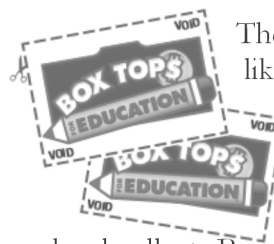
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating an anniversary ending in a "5" or a "0" up to 50 years? Are you celebrating a 50th or any year beyond 50? Please join in St. Mary's celebration of your love and commitment at a special Mass on Sunday, September 24th at 11:00 a.m. A wedding cake reception will be held following Mass. Please RSVP to the office if you plan to attend. Thank you!

PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY RALLY

On Saturday, October 14th at noon, we will hold a Public Square Rosary Rally (in place of the Living Rosary) 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, contact Patricia Kelly at 413-329-7739.

ST. STANISLAUS SCHOOL NOTICE



The students of St. Stan's School would like to thank our parishioners for their help with the Box Tops for Education program. St. Stan's raised over \$1000 from the program last year alone! The school collects Box Tops all year, so please keep clipping them! These tiny coupons, which look like the picture on the left, can be found on hundreds of products. Each coupon is worth 10¢ and is redeemed by the school for cash. Box Tops may be placed in the collection container on the stage in the hall. Thank you and God Bless you for supporting St. Stan's!

CHESHIRE HISTORY TALK

HISTORY TALK: St. Mary's parishioner and local historian, Barry Emery, will give a free talk entitled, "The Mammoth Cheese Event, When America Watched Cheshire" at the Baptist church on Thursday, September 28th at 6:30 p.m. The talk will feature a slide presentation and several recently discovered facts about the 1801 event will be revealed. The same basic talk was given in July at a Bass Water Grill luncheon.