

ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION PARISH
NORTH AMERICAN MARTYRS CHAPEL



Catechetical
SUNDAY

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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.

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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

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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:

- HEALING MASS
SUNDAY THE 17TH AT 11:00 A.M.
- NEW SUNDAY MASS TIMES
- FALL FESTIVAL TICKETS ON SALE
\$35/ADULTS \$10/CHILDREN

MASS INTENTIONS & GIFTS

SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

St. Mary of the Assumption

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2017

8:00 a.m. Walter Zarek
Req. by Edie Zarek

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2017

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2017

8:00 a.m. Joseph St. Cyr
Req. by Jim & Carole Pyra

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2017

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2017

8:00 a.m. No Mass

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2017

4:00 p.m. Hitter, Brown, & Milde Families
Req. by Diane & Deacon Bob Hitter

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

8:30 a.m. Betty, Kenneth, & Kevin Gurney
Req. by Their Family

11:00 a.m. Barbara Sandstedt
Req. by Albina Graziani & Noah Robert
Sandstedt

North American Martyrs Chapel

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2017

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2017

5:45 p.m. Joan Ostrowski
Req. by Husband, Tom

ALL GIFTS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF
WALT ZAREK BY
PAM & ED ST. JOHN III

NEWS AND UPDATES

NEW MASS HAS BEGUN

Our Family Friendly Mass at 11:00 a.m. on Sundays at St. Mary's has begun. Please be sure to spread the word!

MANDATORY FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Diocese of Springfield, along with St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, is making a deeper commitment to safeguard children from abuse within the church through a national online training called VIRTUS. Clergy, lay ministers, and volunteers are expected to implement the "Protecting God's Children" program in their own parishes. Our parish will be implementing this program with a mandatory training for all clergy, staff, and volunteers who come in contact with children in our parish. Launched in 2002, VIRTUS is a training program created in response to the clergy child sexual abuse scandal. "Protecting God's Children" is now offered as an online awareness session for church employees, lay ministers, and clergy. VIRTUS programs help parishes protect children, educate adults about dangerous situations, and adults' responsibilities if abuse is suspected.

The VIRTUS training is another layer of protection in addition to the criminal offender background investigation (CORI) and the Diocese of Springfield Safe Environment training.

There is no charge for the VIRTUS training, which will be held in our parish hall on:

Wednesday, October 11th from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

You may also complete the training online through the link on our website. www.stmaryscheshire.com/volunteer

I cannot stress enough just how committed our parish of St. Mary of the Assumption is to making sure all of our and God's children are protected and safe. **All clergy, staff, and volunteers who work with children or elderly are expected to fill out a CORI background check form, agree to the terms and conditions of the Diocesan Code of Conduct, and complete the VIRTUS training either online or attend our seminar on Wednesday, October 11th from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.** Thank you for your cooperation as we are committed to keeping our and God's children safe and protected from any form of abuse!

Please contact the office with any questions.

-Father Matthew Guidi

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

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 8TH

Fall Sports Mass - 11:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11TH

VIRTUS Training for Volunteers - 6:30 - 8:30 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

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!

FALL FESTIVAL

Tickets must be purchased by the September 23rd!

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 available upon request as well as a children’s meal of chicken fingers and fries.

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.

LET US KNOW OF THOSE IN NEED

Do you know someone who is homebound, in a nursing home, or is ill and would like to receive communion and/or have home visits? Please contact the office to add them to our list.

OUR GIVING

WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 2ND & 3RD

Regular Collection	\$2,219.00	Catholic University	\$15.00
Hikers	\$13.89	Catholic Mirror	\$22.00
Hurricane Harvey	\$410.00	Fuel	\$571.00

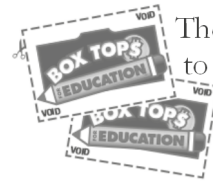
ST. STANISLAUS CASH CALENDARS

Some of our parish students who attend St. Stanislaus School will be selling cash calendars after Masses starting this weekend. For a \$10 donation, you will have 31 chances during the month of October to win \$50, \$75, or the grand prize of \$500! Winning stubs are returned to the bowl for another chance to win. In the past, people have won more than once! Please be sure to support St. Stan’s and the students by purchasing a cash calendar!

HELP PETS IMPACTED BY HURRICANES

Kathy Hynes, a local resident and former nurse who currently works to save animals in need, is running a collection drive of pet supplies to bring to the south for pets who were displaced by the hurricanes. She is asking parishioners to donate food, litter, paper towels, disposable gloves, etc. to the church the weekend of September 23rd & 24th. All collected items will be brought south by volunteers helping with relief efforts.

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.