

ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION PARISH

NORTH AMERICAN MARTYRS CHAPEL



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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.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION
159 CHURCH STREET, CHESHIRE, MA 01225
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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

St. Mary of the Assumption

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2017

8:00 a.m. Kathy Julia Kulas
Req. by Elizabeth Kulas

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2017

8:00 a.m. Chester William Kulas
Req. by Elizabeth Kulas

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2017

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2017

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2017

8:00 a.m. No Mass

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

North American Martyrs Chapel

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2017

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2017

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

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

NEWS AND UPDATES

DISASTER ASSISTANCE

As most of you are aware, **Category 4 Hurricane Harvey made landfall in Texas this past week.** An entire year's worth of rain fell in the Houston area within a handful of days. 62 counties in Texas are in a disaster declaration. Over 30,000 people need temporary shelter. Lives have been lost and homes have been destroyed. Churches have also fallen victim to the flood waters. The people of the area are in need and we are working in conjunction with the Catholic Charities USA along with the Diocese of Springfield to help provide financial assistance to those who are suffering due to this natural disaster.

This weekend, we will hold a second collection to support the relief efforts in Texas and surrounding areas. All monies collected will go directly to Catholic Charities USA. **Please make checks payable to Catholic Charities USA with Hurricane Harvey in the memo line.** All cash will be deposited and then remitted directly to the Catholic Charities through our parish. Donations may also be made online through either diospringfield.org or catholiccharities.org.

May God Bless the people who are impacted by this disaster and those who providing assistance to them.

2017-2018 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education classes begin September 10th.

Please visit our website: 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. Please contact the office with any questions.

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. The first class will be September 13th from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. in the parish hall. 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.

SATURDAY, 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

We held our annual parish picnic two weeks ago. It was a wonderful afternoon! Thank you to all who volunteered, attended, donated, and supported our picnic! May God Bless you all!

Proceeds from the picnic:

Total Income	\$4,608.00	Ticket Sales	\$2,196.00
Food & Supplies	-\$537.58	Basket Raffle	\$1,087.00
Music	-\$400.00	50/50 Raffle	\$275.00
Net Profit	\$3,670.42	Ipad Raffle	\$650.00
		Donations	\$400.00

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 AUGUST 26TH & 27TH

Regular Collection	\$2,308.00	Parish Hall	\$30.00
Hikers	\$22.49	Mission	\$1,121.60
Assumption	\$5.00		

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 (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.

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!