

St. Mary of the Assumption Church

159 CHURCH STREET, CHESHIRE, MASSACHUSETTS 01225

North American Martyrs Chapel

Shrine of St. Kateri Tekakwitha

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FEBRUARY 5, 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.



MASS INTENTIONS

 FEBRUARY 5, 2017

St. Mary of the Assumption

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2017

4:00 p.m. Julia M. Lominski
Req. by Elizabeth Kulas

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2017

8:45 a.m. Melissa LaPierre - Restoration of Health
Req. by The Religious Education Program

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2017

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2017

8:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the Girard Family
Req. by Edie Zarek

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2017

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2017

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2017

8:00 a.m. No Mass

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2017

4:00 p.m. Fr. Francis X. Sullivan
Req. by The Parish Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2017

8:45 a.m. Howard Batchelor
Req. by Bob & Dale Balawender

North American Martyrs Chapel

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2017

5:45 p.m. Mary Jane DiLego
Req. by Regina & Lori DiLego

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2017

5:45 p.m. Doris Mottarella
Req. by The Patriquin Family

MAINTAINING OUR FINANCES

This past week, the Finance Council met and had a very productive meeting. Every effort is being made to improve the parish finances. Collectively we are reviewing all purchases and working to eliminate those that are not immediately necessary. No matter how small an expense, we are doing our research to find the best cost available and making decisions based on that research.

Part of our ongoing effort to improve will impact those who purchase items on behalf of the parish. We are implementing a new purchasing policy that includes permission by the administrator for all purchases. Fr. Matthew will review each request in order to help with cost research, whether or not the purchase is necessary at that time, and to ensure that our tax exempt status is being utilized. If possible, all purchasing will be done through the office. We will be in contact with committees who regularly purchase on our behalf with policy specifics but please feel free to contact Fr. Matthew or Michelle in the meantime with any questions.

We truly appreciate the cooperation of our parishioners and council members as we strive to reduce our deficit while maintaining a healthy parish.

LENT & EASTER 2017 - SCHEDULE

Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule

8:00 a.m. - St. Mary of the Assumption Church
5:00 p.m. - North American Martyrs Chapel
7:00 p.m. - St. Mary of the Assumption Church

Stations of the Cross

Wednesdays - 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29, 4/5, 4/12
3:30 p.m. - St. Mary of the Assumption Church

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesdays - 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29, 4/5, 4/12

4:00-5:00 p.m. - St. Mary of the Assumption Chapel

Fr. Matthew will be available for Confession during Adoration.

Mass of the Lord's Supper

7:00 p.m. - St. Mary of the Assumption Church

Good Friday

3:30 p.m. - Stations of the Cross - St. Mary's

7:00 p.m. Service - St. Mary of the Assumption Church

Easter Vigil Mass

8:00 p.m. - St. Mary of the Assumption Church

Easter Masses

9:00 a.m. - St. Mary of the Assumption Church

11:00 a.m. - North American Martyrs Chapel

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH & SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH

Feast of St. Blaise - Blessing of Throats - All Masses

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH

Youth Mass - 8:45 a.m. (Students meet in hall at 8:30 a.m.)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1ST

Ash Wednesday

SATURDAY, MARCH 11TH

First Reconciliation - 10:00 a.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 13TH

Soup & Bread Supper - 5:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 13TH

First Holy Communion - 10:00 a.m.

NEWS

MUSICAL MINISTRY

On Wednesday, February 8th at 6:30 p.m., choir rehearsals will resume at St. Mary's in the main church. We will gladly welcome new members to join our gospel choir ensemble as we prepare for the holy season of Lent. If you would like to join, you may attend the first rehearsal or contact Ann Cain for more details.

MASS INTENTIONS & GIFTS

The following dates are available for Mass Intentions and Gifts. Please contact the office if you are interested in booking one or more of the following:

Weekdays:

February - 14th, 16th, 21st, 27th
 March - 2nd, 13th, 23rd, 28th, 30th
 April - 3rd, 11th, 17th, 18th, 20th, 24th, 25th, 27th

Saturdays:

N.A.M. - February - 18th, 25th
 March - 25th
 April - 1st, 8th, 22nd, 29th
 St. Mary's - March - 18th, 25th
 April - Easter Vigil, April 15th

Sundays:

February - 26th
 March - 12th, 19th, 26th
 April - 9th, 16th (Easter Sunday), 23rd
 Also Easter Sunday, April 16th, at N.A.M.

Gifts:

All February, March, & April weeks.

From today's 1st Reading, Isaiah 58: "If you bestow your bread on the hungry and satisfy the afflicted; then light shall rise for you in the darkness..."

In service of our brothers and sisters, we learn not only how to love but its true meaning.

OUR GIVING

WEEKEND OF JANUARY 28TH & 29TH

Regular Collection	\$2213.25	Memorials	\$390.00
Fuel	\$233.00		

GIVING RECEIPTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO OBTAIN YOUR RECEIPT, PLEASE STOP BY THE PARISH OFFICE DURING REGULAR HOURS OR CONTACT MICHELLE TO MAKE OTHER ARRANGEMENTS.

FOOD DRIVE - OPERATION RICE BOWL

The St. Mary's CCD students will be holding a non-perishable food drive that will run in conjunction with Operation Rice Bowl from February 12th to April 2nd. All collected items will be distributed locally to our Berkshire County food banks. All children are encouraged during these cold winter months to think of those less fortunate and bring non-perishable food goods to the hall. We will gladly welcome food donations from parishioners as well. 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!

HOSPITAL MINISTRY FROM OUR HOSPITAL...
 Berkshire Medical Center is in need of dedicated Eucharistic Ministers to give Holy Communion to Catholic patients and their families. It is truly an honor to bring the comfort of Jesus to those who are in the hospital – worried, anxious, and unable to receive Him at Mass. If you are currently a Eucharistic Minister at your church and feel that you would like to help in this beautiful and gratifying ministry, please call the BMC Chaplain's Office as soon as possible at 413-447-2251.

ST. STAN'S SCHOOL NEWS

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 right, 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!





Mingo's Bar and Grill

Present this coupon on February 16th at Mingo's Sports Bar and Grill and they will donate 20% of your check to St. Stan's School in Adams, MA.

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