

**The Roman Catholic Parishes of  
St. Ann, Lenox, MA  
and  
St. Patrick, West Stockbridge, MA**



**ST. ANN'S • LENOX**

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**ST. PATRICK'S • WEST STOCKBRIDGE**

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Deacon Dan Romanello (St. Ann, St. Patrick & St. Vincent de Paul)  
Mrs. Deborah Kuni, Administrative Assistant (St. Ann's)  
Mrs. Margot Towl, Administrative Assistant (St. Patrick's)  
Mr. Ron Ramsay, Director of Music Programs (St. Ann's)  
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**Weekend Mass Schedule:**

Saturday 4:00 p.m. St. Ann's, Lenox  
Saturday 5:30 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul, Lenox Dale  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. St. Patrick's, West Stockbridge  
Sunday 9:45 a.m. St. Ann's, Lenox  
Sunday 11:15 a.m. St. Ann's, Lenox

**Daily Mass:**

Monday through Friday 7 a.m. at St. Ann's

**Holy Day:**

Holy Day: Vigil, 7 p.m. St. Patrick's  
Holy Day, 7 a.m. St. Ann's, 5:30 St. Vincent de Paul

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Saturday 3:00 to 3:30 p.m. at St. Ann's / 4th Saturday 2:15 to 3:15 p.m. at St. Patrick's

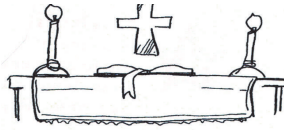
**Sacrament of Baptism:** Call the rectory of your choice to register. Baptisms are by appointment with the pastor.

**Sacrament of Marriage:** We welcome the opportunity to prepare and celebrate with couples the Sacrament of Marriage. Please call either rectory office at least 8 months before the wedding date.

**St. Ann Mission Statement:** St. Ann Church is a community of faith within the Roman Catholic tradition. Through celebration of Eucharist and participation in the Sacraments we seek to live our lives as a welcoming family that strives to make known the living presence of Jesus Christ in the ministry of our everyday lives. Empowered through the word of God we recognize the call to serve as the defining mark of our community. Personal involvement through participation in one or more of the ministries to serve the needs of our parish family and local community is invited and encouraged. The Family Center is an extension of St. Ann Church as a place of welcome and renewal where we strengthen the bonds of community and work together for the building of the Kingdom of God.

**St. Patrick Mission Statement:** The mission of St. Patrick Church is to respond faithfully to God's call as a Roman Catholic Community. The celebration of Eucharist and the Sacraments are central to our parish life. We seek to care for one another and to reach out to those members of our community who are in need.

**MASS INTENTIONS**



Saturday	Dec.	19	4:00 p.m.	<i>Alba Scarsi, Birthday remembrance, req. by Leo &amp; Pam</i>
Sunday	Dec.	20	9:45 a.m.	<i>Angelo, Rose, John, &amp; Alice Bernasconi req. by their family</i>
			11:15 a.m.	<i>Ray Dotchin, req. by his wife and family</i>
Monday	Dec.	21	7:00 a.m.	<i>Mass for the people of St. Ann, St. Patrick, &amp; St. Vincent de Paul churches</i>
Tuesday	Dec.	22	7:00 a.m.	<i>Mass for the people of St. Ann, St. Patrick &amp; St. Vincent de Paul parishes</i>
Wednesday	Dec.	23	7:00 a.m.	<i>For those families effected by the recent Pasadena Shooting</i>
Thursday	Dec.	24	4:00 p.m.	<i>Mass at St. Ann Church</i>
<i>Christmas Eve</i>			6:00 p.m.	<i>Mass at St. Vincent de Paul, Lenox Dale</i>
			6:00 p.m.	<i>Mass at St. Patrick Church, West Stockbridge</i>
			10:00 p.m.	<i>Mass at St. Ann Church</i>
Friday	Dec.	25	10:00 a.m.	<i>Christmas Day Mass at St. Ann Church</i>
Saturday	Dec.	26	4:00 p.m.	<i>Remo &amp; Clara Gennari, req. by their family</i>
			5:30 p.m.	<i>St. Vincent de Paul — Joseph Carroll &amp; Mary Ann Kelly</i>
Sunday	Dec.	27	8:00 a.m.	<i>St. Patrick Church — Deceased Parishioners of St. Patrick Church</i>
			9:45 a.m.	<i>Michael Sarkis, req. by his parents and sister</i>
			11:15 a.m.	<i>George Hamilton, req. by his wife and family</i>

**ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

*Collection Summary for Week 24*

**COLLECTION ON DECEMBER 13 2015**

**WEEKEND COLLECTION:** \$ 6,309.00  
**AMOUNT NEEDED EACH WEEKEND:** \$ 5,400.00

AMOUNT NEEDED JULY-NOVEMBER: \$118,883.00  
 AMOUNT RECEIVED JULY-NOVEMBER: \$106,100.00  
 TOTAL DEFICIT FOR THIS PERIOD \$ 12,783.00

*THANK YOU! WE DEPEND ON YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT*

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE**

**Kindergarten:** Sunday, Jan. 3rd, 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. in the Family Center. Next class is Feb. 7.

**Grade 1:** Sunday, Jan. 3, 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. in the Family Center. Next class: Jan. 10.

**Grade 2:** Sunday Dec. 20, 8:30-9:45 a.m. in the Family Center. Next class: Jan. 3.

**Grades 3 & 4:** Sunday Dec. 20, 8:30-9:45 a.m. in the Family Center. Next class: Jan. 3.

**Grades 5-8:** Sun Dec. 20, 6-7:30 p.m. in the Family Center. Next class: March 6.

**Grades 9 & 10:** Sunday, Dec. 20 — Christmas Party in the Family Center, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Next class is Jan. 3 .

**Weekly Envelopes:**

**This Weekend:** Regular Weekly/Christmas Flowers

**Next Weekend:** Regular Weekly/Christmas/Flowers

**ST. ANN'S MUSIC CORNER**

Hymn of the Week: O Come O Come Emmanuel S/A:110

**Sun. 9:45 a.m.** – St. Ann Youth Choir

**Sun. 11:15 a.m.** – St. Ann Ensemble

- St. Ann Youth Choir rehearsals, Sundays at 8:30 a.m.
- St. Ann Ensemble rehearsals, following the 11:15 Mass

Last Saturday there was definitely a Joyful Noise ringing throughout the church with the beautiful sounds of Christmas joy, songs and spirit! Over 225 people were in attendance - joining their voices with the 30 members of the St Ann ensembles and musicians! It truly was a magical and spiritual night with special memories created. We want to thank all the performers for giving of their extraordinary talents and a special thank you to all who volunteered their time and dedication in making this the largest and most successful concert yet! And we thank you for coming!

**UPDATED CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

**December 24th**

- 4 p.m. Vigil Mass at St. Ann's, Lenox
- 6 p.m. Vigil Mass at St. Vincent de Paul, Lenox Dale
- 6 p.m. Vigil Mass at St. Patrick with Fr. Mike of the Marian Fathers
- 10 p.m. Mass at St. Ann's, Lenox

**December 25th**

- 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Ann's, Lenox

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>
<b>WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 19 &amp; 20</b>			
Saturday	4:00 p.m. S. Merlino	L. & C. Decorie	C. & JT Novitsky
Sunday	9:45 a.m. K.J. Joyner	F. Marinaro, M. Somes	M. & T. Leger
Sunday	11:15 a.m. J. Healy	M. Wilser, D. Zola	Volunteer Server Needed
<b>CHRISTMAS EVE DECEMBER 24</b>			
Thursday,	4 p.m.	Please sign up in the sacristy	
	10 p.m.	Please sign up in the sacristy	
<b>CHRISTMAS DAY DECEMBER 25</b>			
Friday	10 a.m.	Please sign up in the Sacristy	
<b>WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 26 &amp; 27</b>			
Saturday	4:00 p.m. J. Tremblay	M. Tremblay, J. Chague	S. Herman, B. Ames
Sunday	9:45 a.m. H. Morley	P. Archey, T. Fasano	M. Ward, J. Cooney
Sunday	11:15 a.m. J. Hobbs	J. Coxon, K. DeVlyder	Volunteer Server Needed

**COFFEE HOUR TEAMS FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS**

**Dec. 27 — Team #4 Captain: Andrew & Melissa Minkler**

Bakers: Penny Saupé, Jeanne Schnackenberg, Jen Jaehnig, Mark & Molly Elliot.

**Jan. 3 — Team #1 Captain: Carol Kirby & Peggy Carpenter**

Bakers: Gina Kelley, Tracy Reis, Sarah Williams, & Gina Kirchner.

**Twelfth Night Festival**

The Twelfth Night Committee has announced that the 55th celebration of the festival will begin at the 4 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church, on Jan. 9, 2016. Dinner and dancing will follow immediately at the ITAM Lodge. Tickets are \$35 and can be obtained at the St. Joseph Rectory through Dec. 31st, between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., Mon.—Fri. Meal choices include beef, chicken or fish. Reservations can be made by calling LouAnn at 447-7911. Tables for 8 to 10 will be available.

**ELMS COLLEGE**

The Annual Diocesan Appeal for the College of Our Lady of the Elms—the Catholic college of western Massachusetts—will be made throughout the Diocese at all Masses on Jan. 2 and 3. Elms College educates young women and men to be reflective, principled, and creative learners in the tradition of the Sisters of St. Joseph, and offers scholarships for students to make this faith-based education more affordable. The need for your support is great. We urge you to take part in this effort, through their annual collection. There is an envelope in your packet for this purpose. Thank you in advance.

**IF YOU OR A FAMILY MEMBER** are ill and home bound and would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick or Holy Communion, please contact our office or one of our deacons and let them come to you. Call 637-0157.

**It's Time to Signup for Christmas Masses**

If you would like to serve at any of our Christmas Masses, please be sure to put your name down on the signup sheets located in the Priest's Sacristy.

We are looking for 3 Readers, 3 Eucharistic Ministers and 3 Altar Servers for each of St. Ann's three Masses.

*Are you sending Christmas Cards this year? If you are, you might be interested in extending Seasons Greetings to the priests who have been such important parts of our parish life.*

**Rev. Daniel B. Brunton**  
St. Mary's Parish  
30 Bartlett St.  
Westfield, MA 01085

**Rev. Bill Rousseau**  
69 Mitchell Drive  
Chicopee, MA 01022

**Msgr. John Bonzagni**  
P.O. Box 209  
Lenox Dale, MA 01242

**Rev. C.J. Waitekus**  
c/o St. Michael's Rectory  
108 Maple Street  
East Longmeadow, MA 01028

**Rev. Michael Pierz**  
St. Francis of Assisi Parish  
P.O. Box 612  
Belchertown, MA 01007

**Remember our Food Pantry**

Please consider bringing a food item for our Food Pantry box at the entrance of the Church. With the holidays upon us, many families are in dire need and many new families will be seeking our help. Any items you can share with our extended community are always so appreciated.



DECEMBER 20, 2015

# Saint Patrick Church

West Stockbridge, MA

Mass Intention for Dec. 13, 2015

Living intention for Marie Kirchner, req. by St Patrick's Parishioners.

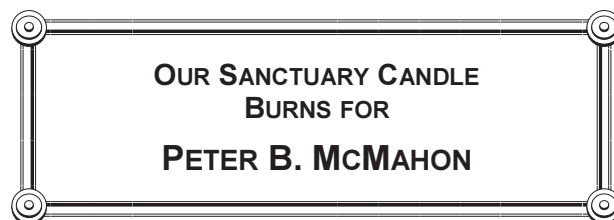
	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVER</u>	
<b>WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 20</b>				
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	J. Kujawski	V. D'Aniello	C. Parker, L. O'Gara
<b>CHRISTMAS EVE DECEMBER 24</b>				
Thursday	6:00 p.m.	B. Dowling	S. Panzeri	C. Parker, L. O'Gara
<b>WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 27</b>				
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	J. Biggs	B. Biggs	C. Parker, L. O'Gara

## ST. PATRICK STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

### Collection on December 13, 2015

Weekly Parish Support	\$ 1,817.00
Fuel	\$ 80.00
Religious Retirement	\$ 169.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 50.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 90.00
Clothing Shed	\$ 62.15
Cookie Walk	\$ 1,242.50
Christmas Flowers	\$ 133.00
Building Maintenance	\$ 15.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,658.00</b>

*Thank you for your continued support!*



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### UPCOMING EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR ST. PATRICK'S PARISH CENTER

**SUN. DEC. 20:** Coffee Hour following the 8 a.m. Mass

**SUN. DEC. 27:** Coffee Hour following the 8 a.m. Mass

### WEEKLY ENVELOPES:

**This Weekend:** Regular Weekly/Religious Retirement/  
Flowers

**Next Weekend:** Regular Weekly/Flowers/Monthly Grounds

### **Religious Education News**

- Sunday, Dec. 20: Classes following the 8 a.m. Mass
- Sunday, Dec. 27: No Classes—Christmas Vacation

### **St. Patrick's Cookie Walk A Huge Success!!**

The 2015 St. Patrick's Cookie Walk was a huge success. \$1,242.50 was raised. A sincere thank you to all cookie bakers, helpers, and cookie buyers who contributed to the success of the 18th Cookie Walk.

The 43rd annual March for Life in Washington DC will be held on Jan. 22, 2016. Mass Citizens for Life N. Adams Chapter is sponsoring a bus to the march. Join us and hundreds of thousands of pro-lifers from across the country to stand up for the right to life of unborn children. We ask for a \$25 donation per person, and will gladly accept donations to help defray the cost of the bus. (Donations should be sent to MCFL, 6 Bob's Hill, Adams, MA 01220) Since the March is on a Friday, we expect the bus to fill up fast and we are taking early reservations on a first come, first served basis. Please call Robin at 743-1329 for more info. and to reserve your seat.



**DECEMBER MEETINGS & EVENTS**

(All events held in St. Ann's Family Center unless otherwise noted)

- **RCIA:** Tuesday, Dec. 22, 7 p.m.
- **ST. ANN'S WALKING GROUP:** Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m.
- **EXERCISE CLASS:** Fridays, 9 to 10 a.m.
- **BLOOD PRESSURE TESTING:** First Sunday of the month, in Family Center following the 9:45 a.m. Mass.
- **ROSARY:** Tuesdays at 1 p.m.
- **SHAWL MINISTRY:** Thursday, Jan. 7, 1:30 p.m.

**Short Excerpts**

**Taken from Pope Francis' Addresses And Homilies**

**SEEING AS JESUS SEES**

Faith does not merely gaze at Jesus, but sees things as Jesus himself sees them, with his own eyes; it is a participation in his way of seeing. In many areas in our lives, we trust others who know more than we do. We trust the architect who builds our home, the pharmacist who gives us medicine for healing, the lawyer who defends us in court. We also need someone trustworthy and knowledgeable where God is concerned. Jesus, the Son of God, is the One who makes God known to us (cf. John 1:18). Christ's life, his way of knowing the Father and living in complete and constant relationship with him, opens up new and inviting vistas for human experience.

This excerpt was taken from the book, "*Pope Francis Speaks to Our Hearts, Words of Challenge and Hope*" by the Word Among Us.

Father C.J.'s *temporary* forwarding address is as follows.

A warm and friendly note will certainly be appreciated in the weeks to come.

**Fr. C.J. Waitekus**  
**c/o St. Michael's Rectory**  
**108 Maple St.**

**East Longmeadow, MA 01028[corrected zip code!]**

After the first of the year, Fr. C.J. expects to be settled into his new home. We will run his permanent address in the new year. For now, please use the temporary address listed above.

We are now taking requests for St. Ann's **Sanctuary Candle** in 2016 & 2017. Cost is \$14 for a 2-week period, but you can do one week if you'd like. St. Ann's 2016 & 2017 Mass books are in also if you'd like to book a Mass (or two). Call Debbie at 637-0157 to book either.

**DIAPER DROP OFF** - St. Ann's Parish Council has approved a request from Pregnancy Support Services of Berkshire County, Inc. to initiate an ongoing contribution of diapers much like the food pantry model.

In 2014 Pregnancy Support Services, a totally volunteer crisis pregnancy counseling agency, filled 393 emergency requests for diapers. PSS is asking parishes in Central and South County to assist with this heavy demand.

Much like the food donations, when shopping for diapers, take a few to Mass and drop them in the cradle that is located at the front entrance of the Church. Any brand in any amount and all sizes, especially 3-6.

**Looking Ahead . . .** The Diocese of Springfield has announced that in 2016, World Youth Day will be held July 22—Aug. 2, in Warsaw/Krakow, Poland. Bishop Mitchell Rozanski will lead our western Massachusetts participants on this journey. If interested either let us know or call the diocese directly at 413-732-3175.

**Sacred Heart Sunday Readings Discussion Group**

The discussion group meets each Wednesday for about 1/2 hour, following their 9 a.m. Mass, in their church's Parish Center. The format is informal: review the readings, share your response with others, followed by common prayer. For more information, please call James at 344-4526. Everyone is welcome!

**A Message from Our Bishop** ~ My Dear Friends in Christ, The release of the movie "Spotlight" has brought renewed attention to the painful experience of child abuse which occurred within our faith community. Although the movie highlights events in Boston, we know that every diocese, including our own, was impacted by this crisis and the violation of trust which lies at its center. I want to take this opportunity to reiterate how deeply sorry I am for the past failure of our church to protect young people, I want to apologize personally to all victims of abuse and their family, friends and loved ones, and to assure you that we continue to pray for you and ask for forgiveness.

At the same time I want to re-commit the diocese to taking all necessary measures to ensure the safety and well-being of our young people, those entrusted to our care and ministry. I also want to urge in the strongest manner that if you know of someone, whom you have good reason to suspect may be the victim of abuse, to report it immediately to local law enforcement officials. If this is taking place within our faith community, I also ask that you call the diocesan confidential Abuse Reporting Hotline toll free number at 800-842-9055.

To learn more about our Child and Youth protection services visit us on-line at [www.diospringfield.org](http://www.diospringfield.org).

May God bless you,

- *Bishop Mitch*

Kids Corner

