

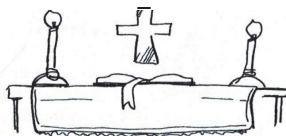
*The Roman Catholic Parishes of
St. Ann, Lenox, MA
and
St. Patrick, West Stockbridge, MA*

January 1, 2017



Wishing you
a *blessed*
New Year

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday	Dec.	31	4:00 p.m.	<i>Remo & Clara Gennari, req. by their family</i>
Sunday	Jan.	1	9:45 a.m.	<i>John "George" Klug, req. by his wife and family</i>
			11:15 a.m.	<i>Mass for the People of St. Ann, St. Patrick & St. Vincent de Paul parishes</i>
Monday	Jan.	2	7:00 a.m.	<i>Deceased pastors of St. Ann Parish</i>
Tuesday	Jan.	3	7:00 a.m.	<i>For the victims of the Berlin Christmas Market Truck Crash</i>
Wednesday	Jan.	4	7:00 a.m.	<i>U.S. Military who have lost their lives in 2016</i>
Thursday	Jan.	5	7:00 a.m.	<i>For all of our loved ones who have died in 2016</i>
Friday	Jan.	6	7:00 a.m.	<i>Communion Service</i>
Saturday	Jan.	7	4:00 p.m.	<i>The Louis Asselta and Anthony DeFazio families, req. by family</i>
			5:30 p.m.	<i>St. Vincent de Paul — Mary Margaret Benjamin</i>
Sunday	Jan.	8	8:00 a.m.	<i>St. Patrick Church — Rev. William Baldassarre</i>
			9:45 a.m.	<i>Katherine M. Gilson, req. by her children and families</i>
			11:15 a.m.	<i>Lola Vilaragut, req. by Carlota Roman</i>

Please pray for the sick.

ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

"Weekly Collection" Summary

"COLLECTION ON DEC. 25, 2016

DUE TO AN EARLY DEADLINE, THESE NUMBERS WERE NOT AVAILABLE BY PRESS TIME. WE WILL RUN THEM IN NEXT WEEKEND'S BULLETIN. THANK YOU.

AMOUNT NEEDED JULY-NOV.:	\$106,194
AMOUNT RECEIVED:	\$100,974
TOTAL DEFICIT	\$ (5,220)

THANK YOU! WE DEPEND ON YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

Weekly Envelopes:

This Weekend: Regular Weekly/Christmas/
Solemnity of Mary/Building & Ground Maintenance
Next Weekend: Regular Weekly/Elms College

**OUR SANCTUARY CANDLE
BURNS FOR
MICHAEL SARKIS**

We are now on Facebook. Please like us at:
St. Ann Parish Lenox, MA

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Kindergarten: Sunday, Jan. 8, 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. Next class will be Feb. 12.

Grade 1: Sunday, Jan. 8 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. in St. Ann's Family Center. Next class will be Jan. 22.

Grade 2: Sunday Jan. 8, 8:30-9:45 a.m. in St. Ann's Family Center. Next class will be Jan. 22.

Grades 3 & 4: Sunday Jan. 8, 8:30-9:45 a.m. in St. Ann's Family Center. Next class will be Jan. 22.

Grades 5-8: Sunday Jan. 8, in St. Ann's Family Center. Next class will be Jan. 22.

Grades 9 & 10: Sunday, Feb. 12, 6-8 p.m. in St. Ann's Family Center. Next class will be Mar. 7—Retreat.

Our Religious Education program is need of a 7th & 8th grade teacher. Please call Joan Davis at 841-5021 if you can help.

We will celebrate First Holy Communion at St. Ann, on Saturday, May 7, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.

ST. ANN'S MUSIC CORNER

Sun. 9:45 a.m. — St. Ann Youth Choir

Sun. 11:15 a.m. — St. Ann Ensemble

From today's Gospel, Luke 2: "...they made known the message that had been told them about this child."

Make it known that at all stages of life we are children of God; made in His image and likeness.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY

LECTORS

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

ALTAR SERVERS

WEEKEND OF DEC. 31 & JAN. 1

Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Saturday 10:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:45 a.m.
11:15 a.m.

PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE PRIEST'S SACRISTY

WEEKEND OF JANUARY 7 & 8

Saturday 4:00 p.m. S. Merlino
Sunday 9:45 a.m. M. Nejaime
11:15 a.m. J. Coxon

C. Kirby, F. McClenachan
J. Lane, K. MacKenzie
M. Wilser, D. Zola

A. & I. Conlon
E. Saupé, J. Cooney
volunteer needed

COFFEE HOUR TEAMS FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Jan. 8- Team #2 Captain: Francine Shelhamer & Jeffrey Kane

Bakers: Vicky May, Anne Sarkis, Michelle Colvin, & Christine Manarchik.

Jan. 15- Team #3 Captain: Nabih & Marilyn Nejaime

Helpers: Jeremiah & Christa Ames

Bakers: Joanne Lane, Kathy Face, Mary Conlon, Sandy Morley.

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who donated toward our flower display this year! Our church looks beautiful and we hope you know how much we appreciate your generosity and support.

Thank you, also, to our Choirs and Directors, Musicians, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Church Decorators, and anyone else who helped to make our Christmas liturgies so prayerful, inspirational and festive!

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS: Please feel free to join us **Friday, Jan. 6th.** for our First Friday Devotions. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed following 7 a.m. Mass and conclude with Benediction at noon. If you would care to sign up for an hour and be present in the Family Center during that time, the sign-up book is located inside the Family Center.

The **45th Annual March for Life** in Washington DC will be held Friday, Jan. 27th. Mass Citizens for Life N. Adams Chapter is again 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. Call Robin at 743-1329 for more information and to reserve your seat today. 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) Thank-you for your support.

The Visitation Sisters of Tyringham invite you to their ongoing talks on the Sacred Heart of Jesus, held at their Monastery on the following Sundays at 4 p.m.:

Feb. 5, 2016	May 7, 2017
Mar. 5, 2016	Jun. 4, 2017
Apr. 2, 2017	Aug. 6, 2017
Oct. 1, 2017	

Information: 413-243-3995

Thank you from Father C.J. ~

A very warm and heartfelt thank you to all of my friends in the Berkshires, for remembering me with cards, gifts and well wishes during this Christmas season. I really appreciate it and treasure your friendship. God Bless.

-Fr. C.J.

2017 & 2018 MASS BOOKS ARE IN!

The church office has just received the 2018 Mass book. If you are interested in booking Masses or reserving the Sanctuary Candle for 2017 and 2018, please call Debbie in the office at 637-0157.

THANK YOU FROM FR. RICHARD

To all those who have sent me (and, often, Angel too) cards and messages for Christmas, please accept my sincere thanks for your thoughtfulness. Please also know that I have fondly remembered all of you at St. Ann, St. Vincent DePaul, and St. Patrick in my Christmas Masses. I think of you often and am humbled by your many kindnesses to me. God bless you!

JANUARY 1, 2017

Saint Patrick Church

West Stockbridge, MA

Mass Intention for Jan. 1, 2017

Adolf and Elizabeth Knott

LECTOR

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

ALTAR SERVER

WEEKEND OF JANUARY 1

Sunday	8:00 a.m.	K. Davis	S. Panzeri	C. Parker, L. O'Gara
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WEEKEND OF JANUARY 8

Sunday	5:00 p.m.	B. Dowling	L. Fields	C. Parker, L. O'Gara
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ST. PATRICK STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Collection on Dec. 24, 2016

Due to an early deadline, these figures were not available. We will run them in next weekend's bulletin.

Thank you for your continued support!

FIRST FRIDAY



Please join us in St. Patrick's Chapel on **Friday, Jan. 6th**, for our First Friday Devotions. We will begin at 6:30 p.m. with Benediction. Evening prayer and the Rosary will follow.

UPCOMING EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR ST. PATRICK'S PARISH CENTER

SUN. JAN. 1: Coffee Hour following the 8 a.m. Mass

SUN. JAN. 8: Coffee Hour following the 8 a.m. Mass

When attending St Patrick's Church services, please do not park in front of the Fire Station. When parking there you run the risk of being blocked in if there is a fire emergency. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

- Sunday, Jan. 1, Christmas Vacation—no classes
- Sunday, Jan. 8, Class following the 8 a.m. Mass
- Sunday, Jan. 15, No Class—Martin Luther King

Prayer Line: St. Patrick's parish has a prayer line network for anyone needing prayers. To request a prayer be said or if you would like to be a volunteer on the prayer network please call Shirley Panzeri at 413-232-7750.

WEEKLY ENVELOPES:

THIS WEEKEND: Regular Weekly/Solemnity of Mary/New Year's Offering/Elms College/Cemetery/Fuel

NEXT WEEKEND: Regular Weekly

WE ARE NOW TAKING REQUESTS FOR ST. PATRICK'S SANCTUARY CANDLE FOR 2017. COST IS \$14 FOR A 2-WEEK PERIOD, BUT YOU CAN DO JUST ONE WEEK IF YOU'D LIKE.

ST. PATRICK'S 2017 MASS BOOK IS ALSO AVAILABLE IF YOU'D LIKE TO BOOK A MASS (OR TWO). CALL MARGOT AT 232-4427 TO BOOK EITHER.

JAN. MEETINGS & EVENTS

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

- **LADIES MONTHLY LUNCHEON:** Mon. Jan. 2, noon
- **RCIA:** Mon. Jan. 9, 7 p.m. **Family Center**
- **Shawl Ministry:** Thu. Jan. 5, 1:30 p.m. Church on the Hill
- **BIBLE STUDY:** Wed. Jan. 4, 6:30-8 p.m. no class.
- **ST. ANN'S WALKING GROUP:** Tuesdays at 8:30a.m.
- **ROSARY:** Tuesdays at 1 p.m.
- **EXERCISE CLASS:** Fridays from 9 to 10 a.m.
- **FAITH FORMATION:** Tue. Jan. 17, at 6:30 p.m.
- **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** Mon. Jan. 9, 7 p.m. Meetings to resume at St. Vincent de Paul Rectory
- **ITALIAN CLASSES:** Wednesdays in the Rectory at 6:30 p.m. starting Jan. 11th.
- **ADULT COLORING:** Thu. Jan. 12, time to be announced.
- **GAME DAY:** Fridays at 1:30 p.m. starting Jan. 13th
- **TAP DANCING:** Fridays at 4 p.m. beginning on Jan. 13th.

10th Annual Catholic Women's Conference

The 10th Annual Catholic Women's Conference will be held on Sat., April 22, 2017, at Bellamy School in Chicopee next year.

The conference will feature three dynamic and inspiring women, Mother Olga of the Sacred Heart, Patricia Livingston and Therese Wilson Favors.

Mark your calendars now and watch the bulletin for more details as the date approaches.

Twelfth Night

St. Joseph Church, 414 North Street in Pittsfield, will hold their Annual Twelfth Night Festival Liturgy on Sat. Jan. 7, at 4 p.m. A dinner and reception will immediately follow the Liturgy at the Sons of Italy—ITAM Lodge #564. Mark your calendars now and watch the bulletin for more details.

If you are going into the hospital for surgery or other serious procedure, and wish to be anointed before hand, please speak to the priest after Mass the weekend before.

Annual Statements

Parishioners of St. Ann using envelopes will be receiving an annual statement for tax purposes, within the next month. Make sure your current mailing address is on file with the church office. We can also email your statement to you if you would like.

Do You Hear God's Call?

Berkshire Medical Center is always looking for dedicated Eucharistic Ministers. If you feel called by God to minister in this way, please call the Chaplain's Office at BMC 413/447-2251. All training for hospital ministry will be done at BMC.

Do You Knit or Crochet?

Those who are sick, frightened or dying-and their loved ones are so appreciative of the Prayer Shawls that are made by volunteers. A group of these gifted people meet every other Wednesday from 12:30 pm-2:30 pm at the BMC Chapel to pray and use their gifts to comfort others. You are always welcome to join them. Funds are provided for the materials and we love creative patterns as well as familiar ones. Questions, Julie Hinckley, Supervisor for the Volunteer Department at (413)-447-2114 Ext. 3624.

Short Excerpts

Taken from Pope Francis' Addresses And Homilies

"A CHRISTIAN CAN NEVER BE SAD"

Do not be men and women of sadness; a Christian can never be sad! Never give way to discouragement! Ours is a joy born not of having many possessions but from having encountered a Person: Jesus, in our midst. It is born from knowing that with him we are never alone, even at difficult moments, even when our life's journey comes up against problems and obstacles that seem insurmountable, and there are so many of them!

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

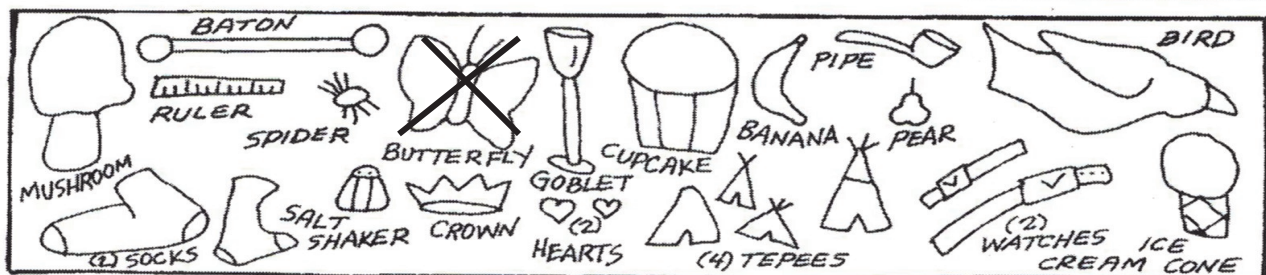
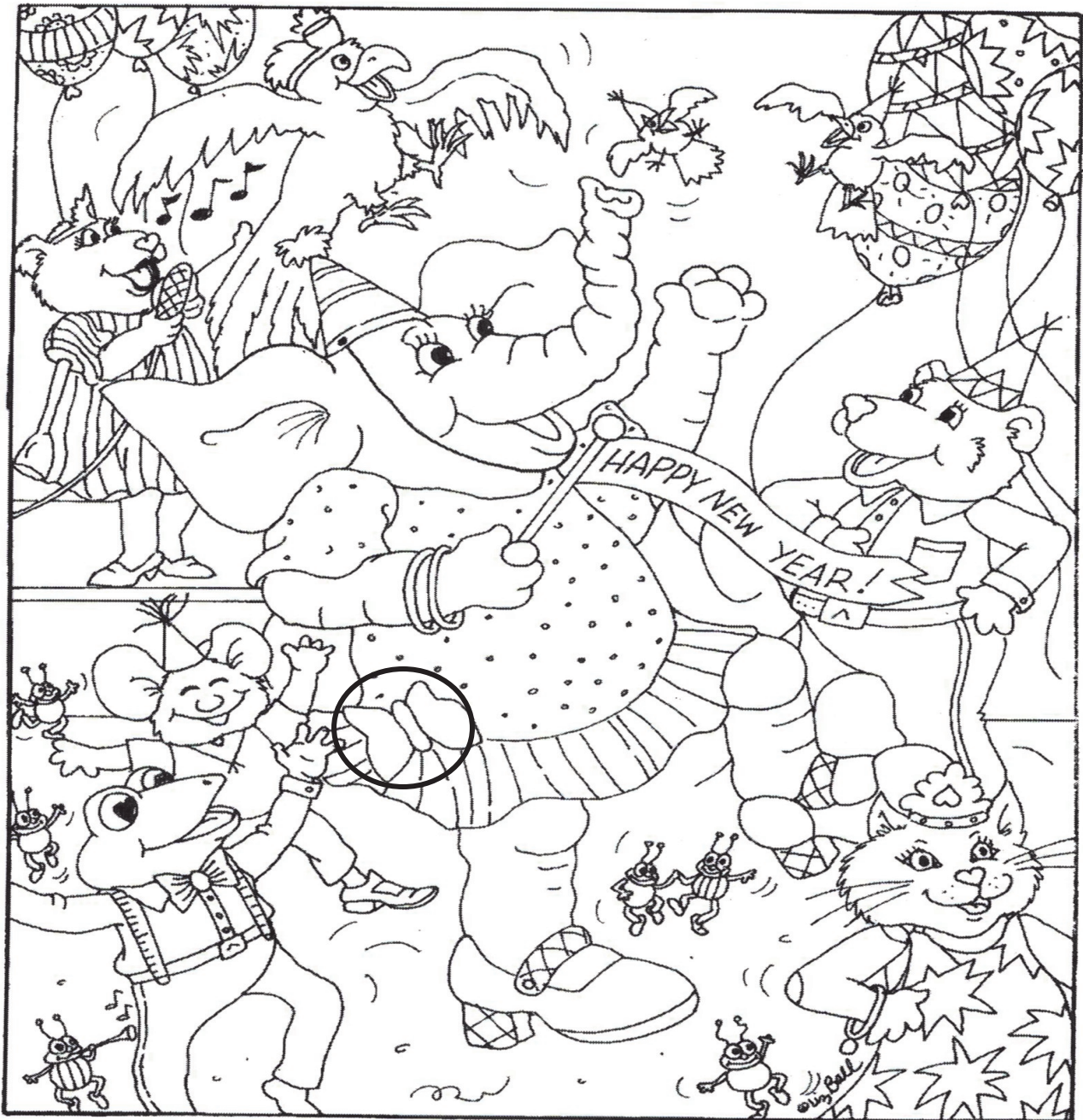
CAREER OPPORTUNITY:

The Knights of Columbus is seeking a Field Agent for a career opportunity representing their insurance program in Berkshire County. We offer a complete benefits package with this full-time position. One must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. For more information, please contact, Thomas R. Racine, General Agent, at 508-346-1303 or thomas.racine@kofc.org

Recipients of our 2016 scholarships will be receiving a check within the next two weeks, to their home address. Again, congratulations to each of our winners.

Kid's Corner

Hidden Picture Puzzle: New Year's



Free worksheet provided by www.elcivics.com. Copyright Liz Ball. To order Liz's hidden picture puzzle books, send \$5.95/book plus \$2.50 shipping to: Hidden Pictures, P.O. Box 63, Tipp City, OH 45371.