December 9, 2018

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

OF ADVENT

A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." - Lk 3:4

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ST. ANN CHURCH, LENOX



Saturday	Dec	8	4:00 p.m.	Jim Prince, req. by his wife and family
Sunday	Dec.	9	9:45 a.m.	Loretta Duval, req. by The Catholic Daughters of America
			11:15 a.m.	Frances Healy, req. by Claire Mooney
Monday	Dec.	10	7:00 a.m.	Mass for the People of St. Ann, St. Patrick & St. Vincent de Paul parishes
Tuesday	Dec.	11	7:00 a.m.	Llew & Sandra Armstrong, req. by their family
Wednesday	Dec.	12	7:00 a.m.	James Andognini, Birthday Remembrance, req. by his daughter
Thursday	Dec.	13	7:00 a.m.	Elizabeth Norton, req. by her family
Friday	Dec.	14	7:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Saturday	Dec	15	4:00 p.m.	Brendan Fitzgerald, req. by his Mom
			5:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Church — Macbeth and River families
Sunday	Dec.	16	8:30 a.m.	St. Patrick Church — Allison Jean Graham
			9:45 a.m.	Loretta Duval, req. by The Knights of Columbus, Council #2412
			11:15 a.m.	Elizabeth Murray-Beimers, req. by her family

ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE "Month of May Collection" Summary

AS OF NOVEMBER 2018

"Last Month Weekly Collections:" November WeShare: Nov. Totals: Weekly Collections:	\$	17,113 4,783 21,896		
Amount Needed For Month of Nov. Total under Budget	<u>\$</u> \$	<u>22,077</u> -181		
AMOUNT NEEDED JULY-NOV.	\$	121,423		
AMOUNT RECEIVED:	\$	114,381		
Pease consider using WeShare for your contributions <u>https://stannlenox.churchgiving.com</u>				

Weekly Envelopes:

This Weekend: Regular Weekly/Immaculate Conception/ **Retirement Fund for Religious** Next Weekend: Regular Weekly/Flowers

Seminarian Christmas Cards & Seminarian Fund 2018

We are displaying a Christmas Tree inside the main doors of the church, decorated with envelopes with the names of our diocesan seminarians. We prayerfully ask for your participation in this program by taking an envelope and purchasing gift cards for them for Christmas. All instructions are included in the envelopes. Deadline to return your donation to us is Dec. 16th. This year the Vocations Office is also looking for monetary donations to help support and rebuild their seminarian fund, if you would like to help in this way. Checks should be made payable to Seminarian Fund and returned to this office also by Dec. 16th.

Please pray for the deceased, including Lillian Wheeler, and the sick.

Religious Education Corner

Grades K-4: Classes is held during the 9:45 am Mass on Sundays.

Registration forms and calendar can also be found on our website at stannlenox.org.

> Class schedule for December is as follows: Dec. 9th

Grades 5-10: Religious Education Classes for grades 5-10 is held from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Family Center.

> Class schedule for December is as follows: Dec. 9th. Dec. 23rd. Dec. 16th

Song of the Week:

The next weekend in our Advent Giving Program will be next weekend when we will be collecting items for our local Food Pantry. Please bring your donated food items to Mass with you and leave them on the Altar. Cash donations are always welcome, but cash should be placed in a marked and sealed envelope and put in the collection basket only.

LECTORS

WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 8 & 9

Saturday
Sunday
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4 p.m.C. Meisberger9:45 a.m.H. Biernacki11:15 a.m.E. Bride

WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 15 & 16 Saturdav 4 p.m. S. Merlir

Saturday Sunday
 4 p.m.
 S. Merlino

 9:45 a.m.
 B. Corby

 11:15 a.m.
 J. Coxon

COFFEE HOUR TEAMS FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Dec. 16 <u>Team #3</u> Captain: Jeremiah & Christa Ames Bakers: Joanne Lane, Kathy Face, Mary Conlon, Sandy Morley.

Dec. 23 <u>Team #4</u> Captain: Andrew & Melissa Minkler

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

ST ANN CAROL SING

Please join us on Dec 23rd for a Carol Sing in between the 2 Masses on Sunday -10:45 to 11:15! Bring your voices!



John the Baptist cried out and made ready for the Lord. Who will promote the gospel in our community? (Luke 3: 1-6) If you think God is calling you, please email vocations@diospringfield.org. Website: <u>www.myvocation.com</u>

Our 2019 and 2020 Mass Books are in. Call or stop in to the office if you would like to book any Masses

WeShare — Our Online Giving Program

Liturgical Publications Inc., has purchased ParishPay, our on-line giving program. The new name is **WeShare** and the new link to sign up or make changes to an existing account is:

https://stannlenox.churchgiving.com

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

F. McClenachan, S. Merlino C. Gallenberger, K. Mackenzie T. Romeo, D. Zola

P. Scarsi, B. Bilyeu G. McCormack, J. Lane M. Wilser, J. Healy M. & T. Leger I. & J. Cooney **Volunteer needed**

ALTAR SERVERS

JT Novitsky M. Ward **Volunteer needed**

Our Sanctuary Candle Burns for Shawn Mahoney

2018 ST. ANN CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Our 2018 Christmas Pageant will be performed during the 9:45 a.m. Mass on Sunday, Dec. 16. Any child grade K-4, who would like to participate in the Christmas Pageant, is asked to call or text me at (561) 339-0998 or email me at joanmhymanson@msn.com, if you have not already contacted me.

I will also be available before or after the 9:45 a.m. Mass on Sundays for any questions or any parent who wishes to sign their child up for the pageant.

The tentative rehearsal schedule will be:

Wednesday, Dec. 12th from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 14th, from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 15th from 10 a.m. to noon.

These dates are flexible and a child does not need to attend every rehearsal to be a part of our pageant.

Thank you, *Joan*

As you may have noticed, our **2019 Calendars** are in and available at all the doors of the church. Feel free to take as many as you need. Thank you to Ned Roche for once again sponsoring these calendars. We appreciate his continued kindness and generosity. Please consider Roche Funeral Home for your funeral needs.



If you have your cell phone with you today, please turn it off or turn it to vibrate during Mass. Thank you. **DECEMBER 9, 2018**

Saint Patrick Church

West Stockbridge, MA

Mass Intention for Dec. 9, 2018

James F. O'Brien, 20th Anniversary, req. by his family

	LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC MINISTER	ALTAR SERVER	
WEEKEND OF DEC. 9 8:30 a.m.	K. Davis	L. Fields, V. D'Aniello	L. O'Gara	
WEEKEND OF DEC. 16 8:30 a.m.	J. Kujawski	K. Davis, V. D'Aniello	L. O'Gara	

ST. PATRICK STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Collection on Dec. 2, 2018

Weekly		1,302.00				
Blding		5.00				
Immaculate Concept.		8.00				
All Saints		25.00				
Christmas Flowers		100.00				
Fuel		160.00				
Total	\$	1,600.00				
Cemetery	\$	167.00				
<u>Thank you</u> for your continued support!						

WEEKLY ENVELOPES:

THIS WEEKEND: Regular Weekly/Fuel/Christmas Flower/Cemetery NEXT WEEKEND: Regular Weekly/Immaculate Conception/Retired Religious

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 **Karen Zick at 413-232-0137.**

Coffee Hour- Please join us today in the parish



center after the 8:30 a.m. Sunday morning Mass, for a variety of light breakfast snacks as well as coffee, tea, etc. All are welcome!

UPCOMING EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR ST. PATRICK'S PARISH CENTER

SUN. DEC. 9: Coffee Hour following Mass
TUE. DEC. 11: Parish Council Meeting, 6 p.m.
WED. DEC. 12: St. Francis Society, 1-4 p.m.
SAT. DEC. 15: Cookie Walk, 9-11 a.m.
SUN. DEC. 16: Coffee Hour following Mass

Please note that Dec 18th is the last day to return St. Patrick Church Christmas Giving Tree items. *Thank you!*

Mark your calendar! St. Patrick's Church is holding its 21st Annual Holiday Cookie Walk (Cookie Bake Sale) on Saturday, December 15, from 9 to 11 a.m in the Parish Center.

We need Cookie Bakers to bake several batches of their favorite Christmas Cookies. If you are interested in



baking, please sign up in the Church Vestibule or by calling Lucy Bellville at 232-4423.

Cookies should be brought to St. Patrick's Parish Center on Friday, Dec. 14 from 5 to 7 p.m. or before 9 a.m. on Saturday. **Please**

label your cookies. Thank you.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE OUR SANCTUARY CANDLE TO BURN FOR YOUR SPECIAL INTENTION

> CALL MARGOT AT 232-4427 FOR AVAILABILITY AND PRICING

DECEMBER MEETINGS & EVENTS

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

- KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MONTHLY MEETING: Mon. Dec. 10, 7 p.m.
- FINAL MASS SEMINAR WITH DEACON ROGER CARRIER: Wed. Dec. 12. 6 to 9 p.m.
- **BIBLE STUDY—THE GOSPEL OF JOHN:** Thu. Dec. 13, from 6:30 to 8 p.m.
- **PRIVATE BAPTISM RECEPTION:** Dec. 9, noon to 3 p.m.
- ST. ANN'S WALKING GROUP: Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m.
- **ROSARY:** Tuesdays at 1 p.m.
- **EXERCISE CLASS:** Fridays from 9 to 10 a.m. (except the first Friday of the month)
- BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS: 1st Sunday of the month between the 9:45 & 11:15 Masses.

THE 46TH ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE in Washington DC will be held Friday, January 18th. Mass Citizens for Life North Adams Chapter is again sponsoring a bus to the March. Join hundreds of thousands of pro-lifers from across the country to stand up for the right to life of unborn children. We are accepting early reservations. 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.

Medical Equipment Loan Program

This is a reminder that St. Ann Parish has a medical equipment loan program for all parishioners to take advantage. If you think you will need a piece of medical equipment at home, for a short period, check with us before you go out and buy it.

We are currently out of canes and are particularly interested in 4-prong canes. If you have either of these items that you are not using and would like to donate them, give Dianne a call. Also, if you have borrowed items from our loan program and no longer need them, please remember to return them to our center as other people can use them. Call Dianne, at 637-2684.

<u>RESTROOMS AT ST. ANN'S</u> are located in our Family Center. To access them from the church, please exit the church using the side door nearest to the candles on the left side of the church.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF LESSONS & CAROLS

The 18th Annual Festival of Lessons & Carols will be celebrated on Saturday, December 15th, 7:30 PM, at the Cathedral of St. Michael the Archangel, 260 State Street in Springfield. Join the Cathedral Choir of Boys & Adults for this annual service that has become a central part of Christmas preparation for many. The Cathedral Choir will be accompanied by strings, hand bells and the mighty cathedral organ. Highlights of the service will include the Gloria and Et In Terra Pax from a rarely heard Gloria by Vivaldi and the original version of Rejoice in the Lord Always by Henry Purcell. The service consists of seven scripture readings of the season paired with congregational carols and choral anthems. The service begins in darkness and as the story of the nativity progresses the candles and lights of the cathedral are lit. For further information contact the Office of worship at worship@diospringfield.org, or by calling (413) 452-0839.



ST. ANN CHURCH, LENOX - ST. PATRICK CHURCH, WEST STOCKBRIDGE

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday 4:00 p.m. St. Ann's, Lenox Saturday 5:30 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul, Lenox Dale Sunday 8:30 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

Holy Day:

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation: every Saturday 3 to 3:30 p.m. at St. Ann Church

Sacrament of Baptism: Call the rectory of your choice to register.

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. **Web site: stannlenox.org**

E-mail: stannlenox@verizon.net

- E-mail: stpatricksws@verizon.net
- E-mail: stvincentlenoxdale@gmail.com

Pastoral Directory

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Rectory / Cemetery Office (St. Patrick) 30 Albany Road, West Stockbridge, MA 01266-9200 Tel / Fax (413) 232-4427

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Daily Mass: Monday - Friday 7 a.m. in St. Ann Family Center

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