

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

March 24, 2019



*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday*  
**OF LENT**

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“He said to the gardener, ‘For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down.’” - Lk 13:7a

ST. ANN CHURCH, LENOX



# MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	Mar.	23	4:00 p.m.	<i>Larry Fox, req. by the parish of St. Ann</i>
Sunday	Mar.	24	9:45 a.m.	<i>The People of St. Ann, St. Patrick &amp; St. Vincent de Paul parishes</i>
			11:15 a.m.	<i>Mary Jane Pignatelli, req. by the Leo Mahoney family</i>
Monday	Mar.	25	7:00 a.m.	<i>Joe and Kay Cacciola, req. by their friends at St. Ann Parish</i>
			5:30 p.m.	<i>Lenten Mass at St. Vincent de Paul</i>
Tuesday	Mar.	26	7:00 a.m.	<i>Russell and Ronnie White</i>
			5:30 p.m.	<i>Lenten Mass at St. Vincent de Paul</i>
Wednesday	Mar.	27	7:00 a.m.	<i>Brian Quinn</i>
			5:30 p.m.	<i>Lenten Mass at St. Vincent de Paul</i>
Thursday	Mar.	28	7:00 a.m.	<i>James Reidy, 4th year anniversary, req. by his family</i>
			5:30 p.m.	<i>Lenten Mass at St. Vincent de Paul</i>
Friday	Mar.	29	7:00 a.m.	<i>Communion Service</i>
			5:30 p.m.	<i>Lenten Mass at St. Vincent de Paul followed by Stations of the Cross</i>
Saturday	Mar.	30	4:00 p.m.	<i>The People of St. Ann, St. Patrick &amp; St. Vincent de Paul parishes</i>
			5:30 p.m.	<i>St. Vincent de Paul Church — Fr. James McKenna</i>
Sunday	Mar.	31	8:30 a.m.	<i>St. Patrick Church — Celestin Avery</i>
			9:45 a.m.	<i>Norm Gwara, req. by his family</i>
			11:15 a.m.	<i>John and Mary Jane Pignatelli, req. by Knights of Columbus Council #2412</i>

**ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**  
**“Month of February Collection” Summary**  
AS OF FEBRUARY 2019

“LAST MONTH WEEKLY COLLECTIONS:”	\$ 14,033
FEBRUARY WESHARE:	\$ 5,385
FEB. TOTALS: WEEKLY COLLECTIONS:	\$ 19,417
AMOUNT NEEDED FOR MONTH OF FEB.	\$ 21,667
TOTAL UNDER BUDGET	\$ 2,250
AMOUNT NEEDED JULY-FEB.	\$ 173,334
AMOUNT RECEIVED:	\$ 189,059

Pease consider using WeShare for your contributions  
<https://stannlenox.churchgiving.com>

Please pray for the **deceased, including Larry E. Fox** and the sick.

**Religious Education Corner**

**Grades K-4:** Classes is held during the 9:45 am Mass on Sundays. **Next class March 24th.**  
**Grades 5-8:** Religious Education Classes for grades 5-8 are held from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Family Center. **Next class March 24th in the family center.**  
**Grades 9 & 10:** Confirmation Group: 6-7:30 p.m. **Next class will be March 24, in the church.**

**Weekly Envelopes:**

**This Weekend:** Regular Weekly  
**Next Weekend:** Regular Weekly/Catholic  
 Relief Services/Easter Flowers

**Certification Program for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC)**

Deacons Dan Romanello and Ed Shaw will offer a formal certification program for first time EMHCs and experienced ministers in need of recertification. Program content will include instruction in the spiritual, theological and practical dimensions of this important ministry.

**The session will take place on Sat., March 30, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at St. Peter’s Parish Center, 16 Russell St. Gt. Barrington.** Refreshments and a light lunch will be served. Access to the parish center parking lot is made via East Street. There is no cost for the program *but pre-registration is required, including a letter of approval from your pastor.* For more information and/or to register, please contact Deacon Dan - 203-209-5258 or Deacon Ed – 413-464-8133.

**SAINT ANN’S MUSIC CORNER**

**Song of the Week:**

**“FROM ASHES TO THE LIVING FONT”**

*THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT*

	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>
<b>WEEKEND OF MARCH 23 &amp; 24</b>			
Saturday	4 p.m. R. Casey	C. Kirby, C. Meisberger	JT Novitsky
Sunday	9:45 a.m. G. Prescott	J. Lane, K. MacKenzie	I. & J. Cooney
	11:15 a.m. E. Bride	L. Loring, T. Romeo	Volunteer needed
<b>WEEKEND OF MARCH 30 &amp; 31</b>			
Saturday	4 p.m. L. Decorie	C. Decorie, F. McClenachan	M. & T. Léger
Sunday	9:45 a.m. B. Corby	G. McCormack, P. Archey	E. Saupé
	11:15 a.m. J. Coxon	M. Wilser, D. Zola	Volunteer needed

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

**Mar. 31 - Team #5 Captain: Amy Novitsky**  
 Helpers: Dick and Jean Drees, Marybeth Mitts.  
 Bakers: L. Vitale, Gaye Weinberger

**Apr. 7 - Team #1 Captain: Carol Kirby & Millie Kirby**  
 Bakers: Tracy Reis, Sarah Williams, & Gina Kirchner.

**HELP WANTED - BOOKKEEPER**

St. Ann's would like to find a parishioner volunteer to help with bookkeeping in the Church office approximately 1 day per week. Some accounting or bookkeeping experience desired. Flexible schedule. If interested, please contact Sean Wilson at 413-232-7903.

**WITH LENT COMES CHANGE**

Lent is our season each year to embrace change, in our prayer life, our habits and our concern for the poor. Our liturgy should enhance and underscore our commitment.

During Lent our liturgies will begin with the priest in the presidential chair, to underscore our commitment to prayer and that we bring the weekly fruits of our prayer to our collective Sunday worship. There will be no processional or processional hymn. The priest will call the community to prayer: "Let us pray".

The communion host is also changed in an effort to engage our senses, especially that of taste.

We have stripped the sanctuary of anything that is not needed and is movable in an effort to represent how important it is during this season to "fast" from things that distract us in our prayer.

On the fourth Sunday we will pass out carnations, an ancient custom to recall the promise spring and the gift of life.

**St. Joseph Church to Hold Penny Social**

Come join St. Joseph Church, 414 North St., Pittsfield, for some fun on Sunday, Mar. 31, from 1 to 4 p.m. for a Penny Social, in their Parish Center. Doors open at noon. Their kitchen will be open selling hotdogs, fried dough, ice cream, soda and water.

THIS WEEK OUR SANCTUARY CANDLE  
 BURNS FOR  
**Barbara Gaherty**

**Easter Egg Hunt** We found a sponsor family to organize an Easter Egg Hunt following the 9:45 a.m. Mass on Easter morning, so now we are looking for plastic Easter eggs to fill! If you have any you are not using please consider donating them to the church for our Easter Egg Hunt. Bring them by the office during business hours or leave them on the porch outside the office, anytime. *Thank you!*



**Tri-Parish Holy Week & Easter Signup Sheets**

Signup sheets are available in the Priest's sacristy for anyone wishing to be part of our holy week and Easter liturgies this year. Readers, altar servers and Eucharistic ministers are needed for Palm Sunday Masses, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Saturday Vigil Mass and our Easter Sunday Mass. *This year we have made room for members from each of our three parishes to sign up, as we often are combining Masses at just one parish. We hope members of our other parishes will feel welcome and take advantage of this opportunity! Call Debbie if you need help signing up.*

MARCH 24, 2019

# Saint Patrick Church

West Stockbridge, MA

Mass Intention for March 24, 2019

Angelo Astore

	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVER</u>
<b>WEEKEND OF MAR. 24</b> 8:30 a.m.	M. McMahon	K. Davis, V. D'Aniello	L. O'Gara
<b>WEEKEND OF MAR. 31</b> 8:30 a.m.	J. Biggs	B. Biggs, V. D'Aniello	L. O'Gara

## ST. PATRICK STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

### Collection on Mar. 17, 2019

Weekly	\$	925.00
Fuel	\$	25.00
Blk. & Ind. Mission	\$	10.00
Holy Land	\$	10.00
Easter	\$	310.00
Easter Flowers	\$	10.00
Clothing Shed	\$	39.30
Bldg.	\$	200.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,529.30</b>
Cemetery	\$	36.00

***Thank you for your continued support!***

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

**SUN. MAR. 24:** Coffee Hour following Mass

**SUN. MAR. 31:** Coffee Hour following Mass

**SUN. APR. 7:** Coffee Hour following Mass



## Friday Stations of the Cross

Join us at 5:30 p.m. each Friday during Lent as Deacon John leads us through the Stations of the Cross at St. Patrick's Church.

### WEEKLY ENVELOPES:

**THIS WEEKEND:** Regular Weekly  
**NEXT WEEKEND:** Regular Weekly/Flowers

## TV MASS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

WNYA channel 51 (My4) at 9 a.m.

Is someone you love unable to join us at church during this holy time of Lent and Easter? For the faithful at home or in healthcare settings, the Heart of the Nation Sunday TV Mass brings spiritual comfort and the blessings of joy-filled hope in our Risen Savior. Please invite anyone you know who cannot get out to church to tune in Catholic Mass on TV or watch online anytime on Sundays at [www.HeartoftheNation.org](http://www.HeartoftheNation.org). (For those who can get to church, the TV or online liturgy does not fulfill the Sunday Mass obligation.)

**Used Clothing Drop-Off Shed** ~ Please remember our used clothing drop-off shed. All clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, pillowcases, drapes, and stuffed toys will be accepted.

**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!



**Habitat for Humanity** ~ If you have a few hours to volunteer with us, we have a few projects that could use your help! 442-3181 or [info@berkshirehabitat.org](mailto:info@berkshirehabitat.org) or [berkshirehabitat.org](http://berkshirehabitat.org).

## MARCH & APRIL MEETINGS & EVENTS

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

- **GAME DAY:** Wed., Mar. 27th, 1 p.m.
- **BIBLE STUDY—THE GOSPEL OF JOHN:** Thu., Mar. 28, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Rectory
- **LENTEN BIBLE STUDY — GOSPEL OF LUKE:** Thu., Mar. 28, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Family Center
- **FINANCE COUNCIL:** Tues., March 26th, 6:30 to 8 p.m.
- **NEW SPIRIT RETREAT:** Monday April 1st, from 5-9 p.m.
- **SHAWL MINISTRY:** Thu., April 4th, 1:30 p.m. St. Ann's
- **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.

### INTERESTED IN SOME LENTEN READING?

Looking to do some reading during Lent? Here are a couple of web sites that I highly recommend: **Litpress.org**; **ltp.org**; and **Ignationsolodarity.net**.

A few books that you might like: *Seeking God* by Esther DeWaal ISBN: 9780814613887. Another book: *Our Father A New Reading* by Gerhard Lohfink ISBN: 9780814663592, And another book: *Jesus of Nazareth, How He Understood His Life*, by Raymond Schwager, ISBN: 9780824517113. *-Msgr. John*

**St. Joseph Cemetery**-Please remove all decorations by Monday, April 15th. New decorations are not allowed until Mother's Day, May 12th, live flowers only, no artificial. Cemetery gates and Mausoleum are open from 8 a.m. until dusk.

### Saint Mary's Parish, Longmeadow Director of Faith Formation

St. Mary's Parish in Longmeadow, has an immediate opening for a full-time Director of Faith Formation (DFF). Candidate must demonstrate a strong commitment to Christian discipleship. DFF will work closely with Pastor to create, organize and administer Catholic religious education programs for children, youth and adults, in cooperation with parents and other parish ministries. Full job description available at <http://diospringfield.org/employment/>.

**For consideration, please submit resume to:**

Father Christopher J Waitekus, Pastor

Email: [hr@stmarylong.org](mailto:hr@stmarylong.org) or Telephone: 413-567-3124

**PARENTS—WE NEED YOUR HELP** — If you have a child that is in grade three or higher, we are looking for new altar servers to serve at any of the three Masses.

If your child has ever thought they'd like to help Msgr. John on the Altar every once in a while, please speak to him before or after Mass, or call the church office, 637-0157. *We are down to only 6 servers and as they get older and go off to college, we soon will have no more Altar Servers to replace them.*

***This is a very serious problem in our parish.***

The Lenox Community Center is sponsoring a **Family Fun Day** on Sunday, April 28th with a trip to Fenway Park to watch the Boston Red Sox take on the Tampa Bay Rays. The bus will leave Lenox at 7 a.m. and return at approximately 8:30 p.m. Cost is \$48 per person which includes ball park ticket, bus ride, raffle ticket, prizes and snacks. Information and to reserve your seat: 637-5530. Space is limited.



**Bring in your old Palms.** There are baskets at the doors of the church for you to place last year's palms.

**RESTROOMS AT ST. ANN'S** 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.

**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.

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E-mail: [stannlenox@verizon.net](mailto:stannlenox@verizon.net)  
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**Pastoral Directory**

Msgr. John J. Bonzagni, Pastor  
Deacon Dan Romanello  
Deacon John Zick  
Mrs. Deborah Kuni, Administrative Assistant (St. Ann)  
Mrs. Margot Towl, Administrative Assistant (St. Patrick)  
Mr. Ron Ramsay, Director of Music Programs (St. Ann)  
Mr. Art DeVyllder, Director of Music (St. Patrick)  
Deacon John Zick - DRE (St Patrick) (413) 232-0137  
Mrs. Joan Hymanson - DRE (St. Ann) (413) 637-4027  
Dianne Romeo, R.N., Parish Nurse — 637-2684

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

Rectory Office (St. Vincent de Paul)  
P.O. Box 259, Lenox Dale, MA 01242  
Tel (413) 637-0157

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

**KID'S CORNER**

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