



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 1, 2017

Blessing of the Animals

Please join us in St. Mary's parking lot on Wednesday, October 4th starting at 6pm for the blessing of the animals on this feast day of St. Francis of Assisi. St. Francis is said to be the patron saint of animals and ecology. We are going to treat this like going to the vets. All animals must be leashed, muzzled if necessary, or in their carriers. Owners, you must have full control of your pet. Pets can stay in the car if need be or you can get out and stand. Father Peter will be standing in the back of the parking lot by the Senior Solutions ramp and sign.

Closing

St. Joseph's Chapel in Londonderry will be closing. The last Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, October 21st at 6pm. This is sad for those who have made St. Joseph's Chapel their family parish. We would like to welcome you all to St. Joseph's in Chester family. Msgr. McDermott from the Diocese of Burlington will be coming down on October 21st to say the last Mass.

& Stories: Springfield

Probably the last of the year, Cigars and Stories by the camp fire at St. Mary's Parish will be on Thursday, October 5th starting at 7pm. Any catholic man is welcome.

Win Big Bucks: 30 Day Raffle

Once again we will be having a 30 day raffle here at St. Mary's Church. This is how it works: you purchase one or more tickets for \$25 each, you tickets stub will go into a big jar and starting on Thanksgiving day and ending on Christmas day one name will be drawn everyday. The Thanksgiving day winner will receive \$250, the Christmas winner will receive \$500 and every day in between the winner will receive \$25. You will have a chance to win everyday because your ticket will be put back in the jar every time. Please plan on buying one or more tickets. All the proceeds will go to help St. Mary's Fuel Fund. We also ask if you would like to help sell tickets please see Beth at the rectory. Tickets will be on sale starting the weekend of October 7th.

Adoration: 100 Year of Fatima

Friday October 13th will be our last daily adoration for the celebration of 100 years since the apparitions in Fatima. Please join us for Mass at 9am then a full day of adoration in the church at St. Mary's then Mass at 6pm to close it out. The sign up sheet will be in the back of the church at St. Mary's starting this week. Please take an hour to spend with our Lord.

Comedy Show DVD's

We now have the newest DVD's of Father's comedy show. They are \$15 dollars each. Or you can get the 7 disk set for \$70. If you would like one or all 7 please stop by the rectory.

Mass Times and Intentions

Tues., Oct. 3 - 7:00pm - Doris Gillette
By the Altar Society
Wed., Oct. 4 - 9:00am - A Special Intention
By A Parishioner
Thurs., Oct. 5 - 9:00am - Father Peter Williams
By Myrna Parker
Fri., Oct. 6 - 9:00am - Marilyn Peltier
By her husband
(Chester) Sat., Oct. 7 - 4:00pm - All Married Couples
(Londonderry) Sat., Oct. 7 - 6:00pm - Russell A. Page
By the family
Sun., Oct. 8 - 9:00am - Johanna Vanvranken
By Don & the Keefe family
Sun., Oct. 8 - 6:00pm - Norm Cyr
By Rich Whillette

Birthdays This Week:

Sunday 1: Brigit Demand
Monday 2: Maria Contro, Malachi Bascom & David Nickerson
Tuesday 3: Patrick Clancy
Wednesday 4: Chris Blanchard

Altar Servers: Springfield

Please contact Alissa Bascom for your schedule. The schedule is hanging in the sacristy of the church.

Adoration Chapel Candle: Springfield

Katelyn Relihan

If you would like to dedicate the Sanctuary Candle to a loved one for one week, we have MANY weeks available. Please call Beth at 802-885-3400.

Last Week's Offertory: SPRINGFIELD

Sunday Collection: \$3,247.00

Weekly Goal: \$3,700.00

Accumulative Weekly Goal: \$48,100.00

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

Last Week's Offertory: CHESTER

Saturday Collection: \$815.00

Weekly Goal: \$1,350.00

Accumulative Weekly Goal: \$17,550.00

Accumulative Weekly Collection: \$12,633.00

Londonderry Sunday Collection \$227.00

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Christmas Cards

The Knights of Columbus #753 will be selling Christmas cards before and after Mass at St. Joseph's Church and St. Mary's Church. They will be preselling them soon. Please just keep a look out for more information about this.



St. Mary's & St. Joseph's Parishes Springfield, Chester & Londonderry, Vermont

CDA Chicken & Biscuit Meal

Please join us Saturday, October 7th for the Catholic Daughters annual Chicken & Biscuit Supper. They will be serving from 5pm to 7pm at the Nolin Murray Center. The meal will be chicken & biscuits, mashed potatoes, vegetables, salad and apple crisp for dessert. Take outs will be available. Price \$10 for adults, \$5 kids ages 5-12, under 5 years old are fee. Please come out and support the Catholic Daughters.

10th Annual Chester Area Coat & Blanket Drive

Please make donations of clean usable coats, blankets, boots, snow pants and other warm clothing. Collection of items will be at several locations throughout Chester and Andover, including in the vestibule of St. Joseph's Church. We request items by October 22nd. Volunteers are needed to help gather and sort the donations as well as set up and clean up. All items are available free to anyone who comes to the distribution events from 10am to 1pm on October 27th and 28th in the parish hall at Chester Congregational Church on the corner of Rte. 11 and Church Street. Contact Edie Brown at 875-3889 for more details or to volunteer.

Can't Make it to Mass?

Do you know someone who is unable to make Mass and would like to receive a copy of the bulletin or receive the Eucharist? If so, please contact the rectory at 802-885-

Books Are In

If you went to Generations of Faith this past Sunday, you heard father talking about the Baltimore Catechism books that he ordered. Well this is to let you all know that they have arrived. They are \$5 each and you can pick yours up either from Eileen in her office, or Beth at the rectory.

Church Locked

We now have keys to St. Mary's Church and St. Joseph Church. If you would like a key for either church please call or email Beth in the rectory.

Choir Rehearsals Resume

Choir rehearsals for the 9am Sunday Mass in Springfield will resume on Wednesday, September 6th starting at 7pm in the choir loft. The first choir Mass will be on Sunday, September 10th. Anyone interested in singing in the choir will be more than welcome. If you have questions please call Frank Forcier at 885-4856.

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Isaiah 5:1-7

Philippians 4:6-9

Matthew 21:33-43



Halloween party

It's that time of year again. St. Mary's Senior Youth Group will be hosting the annual Halloween bash on Saturday, October 28 2017, from 5:30pm-7:30pm in the Nolin Murray Center at St. Mary's Church. Everyone is welcome to attend. We are hoping for a huge turnout. There will be games to play and lots of prizes to give away. Kids are allowed to wear their costumes to Mass at St. Joseph's, but please remove your masks during the Mass. The Knights of Columbus will be serving food, so no need to worry about dinner. Bring your appetite!

Christmas Wreaths

The youth group is doing wreaths a little different this year. We will have the same sizes and prices as years before. So a 24" is \$20 and a 36" is \$25. We will be preselling them this year. If you would like a wreath please call the rectory, see a youth group member at Mass or tell Eileen. We need your money up front this year also. The final weekend to put in your order is October 7th & 8th. We need to sell at least 40 wreaths to get them at these prices.

Something New for Tuesday's

On Tuesday nights here at St. Mary's we have Mass at 7pm followed by Eucharistic Adoration from 7:30pm to 8:30pm. Starting April 4th and continuing on the first Tuesday of every month we will have Lori Limoges and team singing the Chaplet of Divine Mercy during the Adoration.



HB Fuel Fundraiser

Here is a way for you to help the parish with our fuel costs for next year: For every HB delivery ticket put into the weekly collection basket, HB will give the parish **2 cents cash** for EVERY gallon.

Bulletin Announcements

Any announcements which need to go into the Sunday bulletin need to get to Beth by Wednesday.

Secretary Tip of the Week

Screw the perfect bikini body. The good Lord put beer, bacon and potatoes on this planet for a reason and I'll be darned to let him down.