



Halloween party

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. 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.

Cemetery Clean Up

On November 10th the senior youth group kids will be doing their annual clean up at St. Mary's cemetery. They will be throwing EVERYTHING away to get ready for winter. If you do not want your stuff thrown away, please remove it by this date. Thank you.

Tag Sale Committee Meeting

The tag sale committee will be meeting on Thursday, October 26th at 6:30pm in the café. Please plan on joining us.

All Saints & All Souls

Wednesday, November 1st is All Saints Day, holy day of obligation. Masses are 9am in Chester and 6pm in Springfield. There will be just one Mass for All Souls Day on Thursday, November 2nd at St. Mary's in Springfield. Don't forget to write who you want your masses for on your all souls envelopes. We put these envelopes on our altar for the month of November and we pray for all the names at every mass.

Mass

There will be a mass on Wednesday, October 25th starting at 4:30pm for all Atrium kids, Anyone is welcome to come.

Closing

St. Joseph's Chapel in Londonderry will be closing. The last Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, October 21st at 6pm.

Confirmation Class

There will be confirmation class on Sunday, October 22nd in the cafe. Class is from 7pm-8:30pm.

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.

New Comings

Funerals of parishioners at St Mary's will now be posted, (name, date, and funeral time). On the bulletin board in the vestibule of the church.

Mass Times and Intentions

Tues., Oct. 24 - 7:00pm - William Doyle  
By Kathy Stankevich  
(Chester) Wed., Oct. 25 - 9:00am - Gerry Gagnier  
By A Parishioner  
Thurs., Oct. 26 - 9:00am - Rose Cady  
By the Altar Society  
Fri., Oct. 27 - 9:00am - Healing of Parents who chose Abortion  
(Chester) Sat., Oct. 28 - 4:00pm - Clint Martin  
By A Parishioner  
Sun., Oct. 29 - 9:00am - Harry & Leona Dunn  
By Joan Frazier  
Sun., Oct. 29 - 6:00pm - Mert, Peggy & James Graham  
By the family

Birthdays This Week:

Sunday 22: Susan Fitzgerald  
Tuesday 24: Susan Pugh  
Wednesday 25: Ava Anderson & Marjorie Constantine  
Saturday 28: Steve Lewis

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: \$3,151.00

Weekly Goal: \$3,700.00

Accumulative Weekly Goal: \$59,200.00

Accumulative Weekly Collection: \$52,761.00

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!**

Last Week's Offertory : CHESTER

Saturday Collection: \$1,014.00

Weekly Goal: \$1,350.00

Accumulative Weekly Goal: \$21,600.00

Accumulative Weekly Collection: \$16,019.00

Londonderry Sunday Collection \$376.00

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Theology On Tap

For Young Adults: ages 20-35. Thursday, November 2nd at 7pm. Meet at the Kendall House, (182 Skitchewaug Trail, Springfield, VT.) Our topic is "Why Confession" Presenter is Father Peter Williams. RSVP to Paul Kendall 885-2445 or by email at [pkendall@lawrenceandwheeler.com](mailto:pkendall@lawrenceandwheeler.com).

Warming Shelter News

There will be a couple of courses for new volunteers. The first one is Thursday, October 26th at 6pm the second one is Sunday October 29th at 6pm. If you have never volunteered at the shelter before we ask that you attend one of these courses.

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.

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.

Catholic Daughters #1069 Tag Sale Alert

Again, the CDA will be holding their annual fundraiser. The Tag Sale will be on Saturday, November 18th from 9am-2pm As you begin your fall cleaning, we would appreciate you saving saleable articles for the Tag Sale. This year we will not accept, skis, electronics, shoes, purses, items that need repair and other un-useable items. You may drop off your items on Friday, November 17th from 9am-7pm. For further information, please contact: Margaret Nickerson 802-886-2461.

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Exodus 22:20-26

1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

Matthew 22:34-40



Saturday Lunch Ministry

At present there are five churches including St. Mary's involved in providing ten brown bag lunches for Saturdays at the Family Center on a rotating basis. One woman who was our 6th member is moving so I am looking for another small group to take her place so we can continue with a six week rotation. It is a doable project for two or three people. The lunches are delivered to the Family Center on Friday morning before noon time. The brown bags may include a sandwich, veggie, fruit, chips, cheese stick, and brownies/cookies along with a napkin and spoon if fruit is in a cup. If you are interested in getting involved with this ministry, please contact Pat Graves 886-8435 or [jjgraves37@comcast.net](mailto:jjgraves37@comcast.net)

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 are now on sale. See someone after Mass or stop into the rectory.

Secretary Tip of the Week

This is very important so I hope you read this and pass this information around. There is a lot of misconception about one of our sacraments. "Last Rights," as it is sometimes called and "Anointing of the sick," as it is sometimes called gets people in a fluster. There are many reasons to have this sacrament done. This is NOT just for people on their death bed, or people who are going to die. Listen, there is always a chance your going to die, everyday. Jesus tells us to be prepared to die everyday, because we never know when that day will come. Father says that if you are fighting a terminal illness you can be anointed every six months. If you are going in for surgery, you can be anointed, and also on your death bed, you can be anointed. Make this clear, just because you are not on your death bed it doesn't mean you can't be anointed. Being anointed doesn't mean your going to die. It is not a call to Jesus to come and get you at this moment. It is a grace that Jesus gave us to help us along in our time of need. So please, please don't hesitate to call the rectory to get anointed and or have a family member anointed. I can't tell you how many times I have received the phone call of someone who was dying and needed to be anointed and there was no priest around, and they died with out it. I have never heard of someone regret getting anointed ahead of time. But I have heard plenty of stories where they waited to long and then it was to late. I have told people time and time again, don't wait. Now I tell you all again, don't wait. We understand there are times when it is a last minute thing, like a car accident, this is why receiving the Eucharist and going to confession regularly is a good thing. Father is here to help you all in your time of need, but he can only drive so fast to the hospital or your house. If there is an emergency and it is after hours, you all can feel free to call my cell phone and I can pass this message along to father. This is just for emergenc's though. (802-345-2435). The rectory is open Monday-Friday from 9am to 3pm. Please do not wait if you or you know someone needs it.