

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 4, 2016

John the Baptist came as a preacher in the Judean desert: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" Many people flocked to him for baptism and conversion to prepare for the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire.

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

4:00PM + (St. Pat's) 4th Anniversary of Margaret Aubrey by Jeff & Carmen Aubrey

5:30PM + (St. Mary's) Clara Gooley by Linda & Doug Pilon

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

8:00AM + (St. Mary's) 11th Anniversary of Leon Dutil by Kathy & Family

10:00AM + (St. Pat's) Rene Bedard by his Mother, Brothers & Sisters

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

9:00AM + (St. Mary's) Edmund Poissant by Robert & Sylvia Sriver

9:00AM +(St. Pat's) Harold Thomsen by Gail & Richard Weierstall

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

9:00AM + (St. Pat's) Alex Davies by Lewis/Judge Families

9:00AM (St. Mary's) NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

9:00AM + (St. Pat's) *Intention to be provided by Fr. Bryan Stitt*

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8 - Immaculate Conception

9:00AM + (St. Pat's) 11th Anniversary of Eva Favro by Ted Favro

12:05PM + (St. Mary's) Claudette Mesec Goldsmith by Bill & Veronica LaBombard

7:00PM + (St. Pat's) Dale Reynolds by Katherine Evans

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

9:00AM +(St. Mary's) Real Richard by Bing

Followed by Holy Hour for National Night of Prayer for Life

9:00AM + (St. Pat's) Ione Duffy by Albert Gokey

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

4:00PM + (St. Pat's) 11th Anniversary of Melissa Lloyd Merchant by Ted Favro

5:30PM + (St. Mary's) Ronald and Anna Gooley by Homer and Mary Bushey

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

8:00AM + (St. Mary's) Marion & Rene Anctil and Larry Boulerice by Cathy Boulerice & Family and grandkids

10:00AM + (St. Pat's) Burton Merchant by Arsene, Rose & Rachel Letourneau

PRAYER REQUESTS: *Jane Sample, Gerald Mayo, Darriel Demers.*

Nursing Homes.... Agatha Dubois, Ruby Tetreault, Doris Deso, Gerry Hayes.

Military: Reese Tucker, Avery Trombley, Shawn LaFontaine, Tyler Bursley.

FOR SALE: There are several of the St. Mary's 2014 Christmas CD available for \$10. Stop by or call the Parish Office. They will also be available at the Masses.

VIGIL CANDLE - Dec. 3 - 10

In Memory Of Agnes Dupere by Mike and Kathy Duquette

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

November 27	2016	2015
# of Envelopes	(71)	(70)
Envelopes	\$2,418	\$2,236
Plate	204	174
Kids		
Total	\$2,622	\$2,410

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Next Sunday, December 11, at the 8:00am Mass we will be administering the Sacrament of the Sick to those with serious ailments, either mental or physical. The very elderly are also eligible. Please bring some parishioners who cannot get to Mass by themselves. The Sacrament is also administered to those who are going to have serious operations in the hospital. Please leave a few front seats open for those who have difficulty moving about.

REMINDER FOR THOSE THAT SIGNED UP FOR THE FREE SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR TOWN OF CHAMPLAIN

Sunday, December 4th @ 4:00PM at the Champlain K of C Hall. *This dinner is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus \$3525 and Catholic Daughters Court Lily of the Mohawk #1451.*

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION... Thursday, December 8 is a Holy Day of Obligation, Immaculate Conception. Mass time here will be at 12:05pm and at St. Patrick's at 9:00am and 7:00pm.

2016 RETIREMENT FOR RELIGIOUS DECEMBER 10 & 11

Your donation works for aging religious. "I read that roughly 95 percent of donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious aid senior religious," a donor writes. "That's wonderful when we truly want our donations to *work*." Your gift works for elderly religious by helping to furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please support next week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious, and give to those who have given a lifetime.

NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE - DEC. 8 & 9

The National Night of Prayer for Life provides a unique opportunity to come together under the titles of Immaculate Conception, Our Lady of Gaudalupe, and Our Lady of Fatima, seeking intercession of the Blessed Mother to establish a Culture of Life and restore Peace in our nation and world. On December 8 & 9 from 9pm to 1am, churches across the country and the world will be united in prayer to end abortion and to restore God's blessings. We will observe this time of prayer at St. Mary's following the 9:00am Mass on Friday, December 9th with a Holy Hour.

COMMUNITY NEWS CATHOLIC DAUGHTER'S

Thursday, December 8th - Catholic Daughters Court Lily of the Mohawk #1451 Member/guest Christmas dinner and ornament exchange at the K of C Hall at 6:30pm. In order to participate in the ornament exchange, please bring a wrapped ornament. Also, Silent Auction will be held. Hope to see many of your there!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

"Keep Christ in Christmas" magnets will be available following the masses this weekend. Minimum suggested donation of \$4 will be greatly appreciated.

..."Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest - open to all ages 5-14. Applications and instructions are available on the bulletin boards in the entryways to the church. Please return APPLICATION by December 15th to Grand Knight Francis Mercaldi or Jack Dawson.

SANTAS SKI FREE

On Sunday, December 11th, Fr. Stitt will be meeting up with parishioners at Whiteface after he finishes the 8:00 AM Mass at St. Mary's. The deal is: Come dressed as Mr. or Mrs. Claus, participate in Whiteface's group photo, and ski or ride for free. Don't own a Santa suit or not willing to look as ridiculous as Father in order to ski cheap? Bring a gently used winter coat or a new toy (valued over \$10) and receive 50% off your lift ticket for the day. Call 518-593-6044 for more details or to arrange carpooling.

ROUSES POINT MEAL TRANSPORTER NEEDED ... This is a temporary position from November 2016 to May 2017 for Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9:45AM to 11:45AM. For more information, call Tammy Kemp or Debbie Alexander at 561-8320 from 8:00AM - 3:00PM.

2016 BISHOPS FUND - "Mercy in Motion"

It is not too late to donate to the Bishop's Fund Appeal. To date St. Mary's parishioners have contributed a total of **\$5,047.85** with 74 households participating. Please prayerfully consider donating to this worthwhile Appeal.

ST. MARY'S CHRISTMAS GIFT GIVING PROGRAMS CHRISTMAS TAGS FOR KIDS

All parishioners are welcome to participate in the activities surrounding the CHRISTMAS GIVING. Please take a tag located on the table near the back wall. Sign your name on the sign-up sheet next to the number which corresponds to the number on the tag so that we can keep track of ALL the tags. **Keep in mind that the items listed on the tag are ONLY suggested items. You DO NOT have to purchase all the items.** Gifts should be left UNWRAPPED with the tag attached and returned back the church as soon as possible. All gifts will help needy children in our area.

ADVENT BIRTHRIGHT GIVING TREE.. You are invited to take a tag purchase the item/s and then PLEASE return your gift UNWRAPPED by Monday December 19.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

PLEASE BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS MAILING SOON, WHICH WILL INCLUDE THE CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE AND FLOWER ENVELOPE.

2016 Christmas Schedule

Confessions

St. Patrick's, December 5 – 7:00 PM
(Communal Penitential Service)

(St. Mary's) December 15 – 7:00 - 9:00 PM
& Every Sunday – 7:15 - 7:45 AM

MASSES

Christmas Eve

4:00 PM

6:00 PM

Christmas Day 10:00 AM

New Year Solemnity of Mary, The Mother of God

(Due to January 1 falling on a Sunday, we are following normal weekend schedule.)

Saturday, December 31

5:30 PM (Anticipated)

Sunday, January 1

8:00 AM

\$500 CASH DRAWING ON JANUARY 1ST

For every four (4) lotto's you sell or purchase at \$20 each your name will be submitted in the drawing for \$500 on January 1st following the 8:00am Mass. PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR STUBS BY DECEMBER 23RD TO BE ELIGIBLE.

This is a major fund raiser for our parish, please make every effort to try and sell or purchase the four you were mailed. Thank you for your support!

CHRISTMAS ARTWORK CONTEST FOR MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD ASSOCIATION MCA:

Attention all little artists in the Diocese.....Announcing the annual MCA Christmas artwork contest for students grades K-8 where 24 winners will be displayed in the National Shrine in Washington DC. Deadline is January 31, 2017. For more information and detailed guidelines, see the flyer above.

EMPTY MANGER CAROLING: Every year the Pro-Lifers in Plattsburgh, bring the joy and hope of Christmas to the darkness of the abortuary with our "Empty Manger" Christmas Caroling day. The purpose of the event is to bring the joy and hope of Christmas to these places of misery and despair. The empty manger is a dual symbol. Like the empty manger lovingly placed in every Christmas crèche in anticipation of celebrating the Nativity of Jesus Christ, it represents the joy that ought to accompany the birth of every child.

This year there will be 2 opportunities to raise your voices in front of Planned Parenthood of the North Country, 66 Brinkerhoff Street, Plattsburgh So mark your calendar for **Friday, December 9th and Saturday, December 17th** both beginning at 10am- 2pm Children welcome too.!