

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**DECEMBER 11, 2016**

John sent his disciples to ask Jesus, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" Jesus answered them affirmatively, pointing to the blind who see, the lame who walk, the lepers who are cured, and the poor who hear from him good news of hope.

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10**

4:00PM + (St. Pat's) 11<sup>th</sup> 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 by Cathy Boulerice & Family and grandkids

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

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 12**

9:00AM + (St. Mary's) DJ Eddy by Mark

9:00AM + (St. Pat's) Ruth Penfield by Penfield/McManus Families

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13**

9:00AM + (St. Pat's) Robert Guay by Virginia & Family

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

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14**

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

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15**

9:00AM + (St. Mary's) Bill Eddy by Bill & Veronica LaCount

9:00AM + (St. Pat's) Lewis Bernard LaFountain Jr. by his Family

7:00PM Confessions until 9:00pm

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16**

9:00AM + (St. Mary's) Arthur Castine by Bea Castine

9:00AM + (St. Pat's) Rita Laurin by Francis Laurin

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17**

4:00PM + (St. Pat's) Margaret ( Peggy) Hogle by Donald & Barbara LaBombard

5:30PM + (St. Mary's) Darrell & Jean Lintner by Mary Chaffin & Jon Lintner & Familes

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18**

8:00AM + (St. Mary's) Sonny Babbie by wife Henrietta

10:00AM + (St. Pat's) 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of Gerald Dupree by Arsene, Rose & Rachel Letourneau

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Neil Seymour (Paul's brother) Jane Sample, Gerald Mayo, Darriel Demers.

**Deceased:** Please pray for the soul of Kenneth Phaneuf. May he rest in peace.

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

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

**SANCTUARY LAMP - DEC. 10 - 17**

In Memory of Marion & Rene Anctil and Larry Boulerice by Cathy Boulerice and Family and Grandkids

**VIGIL CANDLE DEC. 10 - 17**

Private Intention by a Parishioner

**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP**

December 4	2016	2015
# of Envelopes	(81)	(75)
Envelopes	\$3,100	\$2,439
Plate	240	194
Kids	2	
Total	<b>\$3,342</b>	<b>\$2,633</b>

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

TODAY 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.

**2016 RETIREMENT FOR RELIGIOUS DECEMBER 10 & 11**

Our aging religious need your help. Thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests in the U.S. spent years working in Catholic schools, religious education, colleges, hospitals and social services agencies -- often for little compensation. Their sacrifices leave their religious communities without adequate savings for retirement and eldercare. Many of these religious worked in our own Diocese. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide nursing care and more to our retired religious sisters and brothers. A second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious will be taken up this weekend. Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

**CHRISTMAS COLLECTION**

The Diocese of Ogdensburg's Retirement Plan for Priests has long been supported by parish contributions from its annual Christmas Collection. Currently 38 retired priests, and 9 active priests age 70 and older, are expected to receive pension benefits of \$860,000 in 2016-17. Also, 100% of the cost of health insurance premiums for retired priests is paid by the Plan. Your generous contribution not only supports current retirees but will also help provide for the retirement needs of priests who will retire in the future. Say *thank you* to your pastor and all priests of the diocese through a generous contribution to our Christmas Collection. **Please note that there will be two (2) envelopes for Christmas weekend. One being the regular Sunday envelope and the second being the Christmas envelope for the second collection.**

**ST. MARY'S HAS A NEW WEBSITE**

[stmaryschamplain.org](http://stmaryschamplain.org)

We are delighted to announce we now have a new website: [stmaryschamplain.org](http://stmaryschamplain.org). It is easy to navigate and we think you will be very pleased with it. It will provide weekly bulletins, ministry schedules, readings of the day, and much more! Also, thanks to Fr. Bryan Stitt for setting up the website. **Please take a moment and check it out at: [stmaryschamplain.org](http://stmaryschamplain.org).**

**A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED:**

Carter Allen Rinn and Arianna Elizabeth Bechard..

**WELCOME TO OUR NEWLY REGISTERED**

**PARISHIONERS:**

Christine Prell and Kevin/Shawn Parker

**CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FLOWERS/DECORATIONS**

The flowers and decorations for Christmas may be given in memory or in honor of loved ones. A separate mailing to include Christmas and New Year's schedule along with a Flower and Christmas envelope will be forthcoming. You may also submit your memorials in a plain envelope with the deceased names on the envelope. Please print clearly.

**ST. MARY'S CEMETERIES ARE OFFICIALLY CLOSED FOR THE WINTER MONTHS!**

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

Mooers Good Fellowship Club will be meeting at noon at the Champlain KofC for their Christmas Dinner on December 14th. Please notify us ASAP!

**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 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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**

REMINDER: GIFTS FOR THE CHRISTMAS MAGIC ARE DUE BY TUESDAY! (These are the tags located on the table)

GIFTS FOR THE BIRTHRIGHT TREE ARE DUE BY MONDAY, DECEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>!

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR WONDERFUL GENEROSITY!** Your donations will certainly put a smile on the faces of many children, teenagers and young adults on Christmas Day..

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

**2016 Christmas Schedule**

**Confessions**

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

**MASSES**

**Christmas Eve**

4:00 PM- with Christmas Pageant  
6:00 PM

Christmas Day 10:00AM

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

**VIGIL CANDLES ...** For the past few years, we have been offering Vigil Candles in memory or in honor a loved one in the votive light stand near the statue of St. Joseph. These candles burn for 7 days for an offering of \$10. This is a great way to remember someone (living or deceased) on special occasions. As you may have noticed, there are usually only a few candles lit each week. Therefore, starting in the new year, we will only have one candle by the statue of St. Joseph and one candle by the statue of St. Ann. The intention would still be announced in the bulletin each week, but we would only have these two candles available. Please call the Rectory to request Vigil or Sanctuary candles for 2017.

**\$500 CASH DRAWING ON JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>**

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 1<sup>st</sup> following the 8:00am Mass. **PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR STUBS BY DECEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup> 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. This year there will be an opportunity to raise your voices in front of Planned Parenthood of the North Country, 66 Brinkerhoff Street, Plattsburgh. So mark your calendar for Saturday, December 17th both beginning at 10am- 2pm Children welcome too!