

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 10, 2017**

Fulfilling what Isaiah foretold, John appeared in the desert as a messenger making ready the way of the Lord and proclaiming a baptism of repentance.

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

4:00PM + (St. Pat's) 12th Anniversary of Melissa Lloyd Merchant by Ted Favro

5:30PM + (St. Mary's) Donald Smith by Helen & Children

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

8:00AM + (St. Mary's) 10th Anniversary of Marion Anctil and 23rd Anniversary of Rene Anctil by Cathy & Family

10:00AM +(St. Pat's) Bernadette & Laurier Lefebvre by Rollande & Family

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

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

7:00PM (St. Pat's) Confession until 8:00pm

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

9:00AM +(St. Pat's) Fred Martin by Joseph Bailey

11:00AM Mass at Senior Housing, 16 Manor Dr., Rouses Pt.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

9:00AM +(St. Pat's) Communion Service

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

9:00AM + (St. Mary's) Eleanore Gladd by Champlain Fire Department Auxiliary

7:00PM (St. Mary's) Confessions until 8:00pm

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

9:00AM + (St. Mary's) Georgianna Castine by Donald Castine and Family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

4:00PM + (St. Pat's) 69th Anniversary of Joseph Favro Sr., by Ted Favro

5:30PM + (St. Mary's) Valerie LaBombard by M/M Danny Scriver

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

8:00AM + (St. Mary's)Morton Emery & Sylvia Cheeseman by Carol Favreau

10:00AM +(St. Pat's) 4th Anniversary of Gerald Dupree by Arsene, Rose & Rachel Letourneau & Dupree Family

PRAYER REQUESTS: Janet Carey, David Poole, Pauline Scriver, Pat Lewis, Ron Frennier, Deacon Laszlo, Jane Sample.

Nursing Homes - Shirley Morrison, Doris Deso, Gerry Hayes.

Deceased: Please pray for the soul of Lucienne LaFountain, Elton Burky. May they rest in peace.

Please pray for all of our Military including: Maritza St. John-Lester, Reese Tucker, Avery Trombley, Shawn LaFontaine.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

DECEMBER 3	2017	2016
	(88)	(79)
Envelopes	\$2,380	\$2,442
Make-ups	650	
Plate	129	240
Kids	2	
Total:	\$3,161	\$2,682

VIGIL CANDLE - DEC. 9-16

(St. Ann) In Memory of Marion & Rene Anctil by Cathy Boulerice & Family

SANCTUARY LAMP - DEC. 9-16

In Memory of Georgianna, Frank & John Carey by The Family

WELCOME... Welcome to all parishioners and visitors.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

At the 8:00am Mass this weekend 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 pews open for those who have difficulty moving about.

**RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS
DECEMBER 9 & 10**

Help religious communities. "Your generous contribution helps us to care for our retired sisters and enables our younger sisters to continue in active ministry," writes a religious sister. Your gift to today's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and for thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers and decorations for Christmas may be given in memory or in honor of loved ones. You should have received a separate mailing which included the Christmas schedule along with a Flower and Christmas envelope. You may also submit your memorials in a plain envelope with the deceased names on the envelope. Please print clearly. A separate Christmas Memorial Bulletin will be printed.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

The Diocese of Ogdensburg's Retirement Plan for Priests has long been supported by parish contributions from its annual Christmas Collection. Currently 40 retired priests, and 8 active priests age 70 and older, are expected to receive pension benefits of \$892,000 in 2017-18. 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.

CHRISTMAS MAILING

Please keep your Christmas schedule in a place where you will have easy access to it.

Please note: because the 4th Sunday of Advent falls on Christmas Eve day, and with the extra Christmas masses to be celebrated, we will eliminate the 5:30PM Mass on Saturday, December 23rd. Therefore, we will have only the 8:00am morning mass for the regular Sunday schedule. Also, there will be one mass at St. Mary's on Christmas Eve and that will be 4:00PM. Christmas Day mass (Monday) will be 8:00am. St. Patrick's Christmas Schedule will be 6:00pm Christmas Eve and 10:00am Christmas Day.

ADVENT Gift Giving Programs

CHRISTMAS ANGEL GIFTS MUST BE RETURNED NO LATER THEN TUESDAY OF THIS WEEK!

Christmas Angels for children - Please take an angel located on the back table near the wall. Sign your name on the sign-up sheet next to the number which corresponds to the number on the tag. Gifts should be left UNWRAPPED with the tag attached. Keep in mind you do not have to purchase all the items listed. all gifts donated will help needy children in our own area.

The Advent Giving Tree is now up. Donations of baby items collected will be given directly to Birthright of Plattsburgh. **Please take a tag and return gift UNWRAPPED!**

The celebration of Advent is rich in rituals and symbolism and is one of the best times for parents to help their families grow closer to God. The traditions that families establish during Advent build lasting memories and are an easy way for parents to catechize their children. You can find Advent materials posted on the Family Life Office webpage at

<http://www.rcdonny.org/familylifeadvent/advent.html>, as well as on the Office of Evangelization Blog <http://rcdonny.org/evangelization/blog/>

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Confessions St. Patrick's - Monday, December 11 from 7-8pm

St. Mary's - Confessions December 14 from 7 -8pm

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve

St. Mary's, 4:00PM (with Choir)

St. Patrick's, 6:00PM

Christmas Day

St. Mary's, 8:00AM

St. Patrick's, 10:00AM

New Year's Eve

St. Mary's, 4:00PM

New Year's Day

St. Patrick's, 9:00AM

TIME IS RUNNING OUT TO GET YOUR NAME IN FOR THE \$500 DRAWING ON DECEMBER 17TH.

All you have to do is to sell or purchase 4 or more 2018 Lotto's. Tickets must be in by Friday, December 15th to be eligible for the drawing following the 8:00am mass on the 17th.

This is a major fund raiser for our parish, please make every effort to try and sell the four you received in the mail a while back.

SOLIDARITY IN FAITH: Bishop Chbeir of Latakia, Syria to visit the Diocese of Ogdensburg

Bishop LaValley announced the Solidarity In Faith initiative last April in response to Pope Francis' call to assist Christians in the Middle East who are persecuted for their faith. We have twinned with the Maronite Diocese of Latakia, Syria to develop a mutually enriching relationship of sharing, solidarity and understanding. Bishop Antoine Chbeir of Latakia will visit our diocese Dec. 11-18. Please take the opportunity to hear about their lives of Christians in Syria; amid our many differences, we share so much. Bishop Chbeir will preside at Mass and meet the people on Dec. 14 at 10am at Seton Catholic Central in Plattsburgh. All are invited!

2017 BISHOP'S FUND APPEAL

If you have not already contributed to the Bishop's Fund Appeal, it is not too late. To date St. Mary's total toward the goal of \$8,026 is \$7,241.24. Thank you to all who have so generously contributed. Pledge envelopes are located on the radiator covers or log onto the diocesan website www.rcdonny.org.

MATCHING GIFTS for the Bishop's Fund are available for current/retired Pfizer employees. Applications are available on the radiator covers. These funds can be allocated for Seton Central School in Plattsburgh.

SUNDAY MORNING RELIGIOUS ED HAS BEGUN!

We would love to have as many children and teens as possible join our Sunday Religious Ed Program. So, if you have grandchildren, relatives, neighbors, friends, that you think should attend, please let them know and help spread the word. It is NOT too late to join us. **However, we cannot except First Communion students (grade 2) after December 31st.**

There will be SUNDAY MORNING RELIGIOUS ED this weekend, December 10th from 9:30 - 10:30am!

CEMETERY NEWS

As of December 1st our two cemeteries are officially closed!

AREA EVENTS

Northern Adirondack Vocal Ensemble (NAVE) will present two performances of A Festival of Lessons and Carols Saturday, December 16th at 7:30p.m. at St. Peter's Church in Plattsburgh and Sunday, December 17th at 4:00p.m. at St. Agnes Church in Lake Placid. Anthems, carols, and hymns illuminate the Christmas story with community readers and congregational singing. Drew Benware, music director; Benjamin Stone, organ."

PLANNED GIVING: Benefits of Giving Wisely

Did you know there are creative ways to support our Parish? Ways in which our Parish, you and your love ones all benefit at the same time? Such giving techniques are called "planned gifts," because with thoughtful planning, you create win-win solutions for you and the Parish. For further information, contact Scott Lalone, Executive Director of Development/Foundation at the Diocese of Ogdensburg at slalone@rcdonny.org.