

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 17, 2017**

*John the Baptizer was not the light but testified to it. He declared himself "the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord."*

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16**  
4:00PM + (St. Pat's ) 69<sup>th</sup> 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) 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Gerald Dupree by Arsene, Rose & Rachel Letourneau & Dupree Family

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 18**  
9:00AM + ( St. Pat's) Marie Sterling by her Family

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19**  
9:00AM +(St. Pat's) In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony by Anthony

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20**  
9:00AM +(St. Pat's) Communion Service

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21**  
9:00AM + (St. Mary's) Kevin Castine by Donald Castine & Family

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22**  
9:00AM + ( St. Mary's) Annabelle Ashline by Pat Carey

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23**  
4:00PM + (St. Pat's ) Jennings & Ducharme Families by their Families  
5:30PM + (St. Mary's) NO MASS

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24**  
8:00AM + (St. Mary's) Bechard Family by Jane & Bruce West  
10:00AM +(St. Pat's) In Loving Memory of Rita LeBlanc by her Family



**CHRISTMAS EVE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24**  
4:00PM (St. Mary's) Parishioners of St. Mary's  
6:00PM (St. Pat's) Parishioners of St. Patrick's

**CHRISTMAS DAY -NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 25**  
8:00AM (St. Mary's) Parishioners of St. Mary's  
10:00AM (St. Pat's) Parishioners of St. Patrick's

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

**Deceased:** Please pray for the repose soul of Lucienne LaFontaine. May she rest in peace.

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

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

DECEMBER 10	2017	2016
	<b>(87)</b>	<b>83()</b>
Envelopes	\$2,434	\$2,358
Make-ups		
Plate	87	118
Kids	2	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2,523</b>	<b>\$2,476</b>
<b>Religious Retirement</b>	<b>\$1,042</b>	<b>775</b>
<b>Ascension</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>218</b>

**VIGIL CANDLE - DEC. 16 - 23**  
(St. Ann ) In Memory of Marie Claire Racine  
by Diane & Andy Morrelli

**SANCTUARY LAMP - DEC 16 - 23**  
In Memory of Gooley & LaBarre Families by Catherine Gooley

**COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS**  
We all know someone who has simply stopped practicing their faith. As we celebrate Jesus' birth, God wants all people to join in the praise. Invite them to come to Church with you this Christmas!

**CHRISTMAS EVE MASS**  
All children are invited to participate in the Christmas Eve Pageant and Mass at 4:00PM. If you have little ones or grandchildren who wish to join us, please call the parish office or Kathy Ryan 593-8540.. Every child will have a part. Rehearsal will be about an hour before the Mass.

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS NEXT WEEK**  
The Parish Office will be open Monday through Friday with regular business hours. However, the office will be closed on Monday, December 25 and Tuesday, December 26.

**REMINDER:** please take advantage of the drop box on the rectory porch located underneath the window. The box is checked on a daily basis and is the safest way to leave papers when the office is closed.

**CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FLOWERS**  
The flowers and decorations for Christmas may be given in memory or in honor of loved ones. Please use the envelope which was included in your Christmas mailing. You may also submit your memorials in a plain envelope with the deceased name/s on the front. 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. **Envelopes for this collection are provided in your Christmas mailing packet.**

**CHRISTMAS DECORATING**

All are welcome to come help decorate the church for Christmas on Tuesday, Dec. 19 around 10:00am. Also, the large trees will be put in place on Monday afternoon around 1:00. Again, if you are out and about and would like to stop in and give a hand, that would be wonderful!

**WELCOME NEW PARISHIONER....Charles Duprey from Champlain..**

**CHRISTMAS MAILING**

Please keep your Christmas schedule in a place where you will have easy access to it.  
**Please note: because the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup>. Therefore, we will have only the 8:00am morning mass for the regular Sunday schedule**

**A DVENT** Gift Giving Programs  
CHRISTMAS ANGEL gifts have been picked up and delivered.

**The Advent Giving Tree** - Donations of baby items collected will be brought to Birthright early in the week. **Please return gifts UNWRAPPED by Tuesday.**

**Special thanks to all who donated to these two very worthwhile causes.**



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**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**

**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

**ALL ARE INVITED TO STAY A FEW MINUTES FOLLOWING THE 8:00AM THIS WEEKEND, AS WE WILL BE DRAWING THE "LUCKY" WINNER OF THE \$500 GIVE-AWAY FOR THE 2018 LOTTO'S.**

**If you did not qualify for the drawing but have tickets to turn in, you have through the end of December to get them in.**

**AREA HAPPENINGS**

....K of C is sponsoring their annual hay ride scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 23 at 6:00PM. Bring your children or grandchildren for a great time.

....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."

**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 \$7,421.24. Thank you to all who have so generously contributed. Pledge envelopes are located on the radiator covers or log onto the diocesan website www.rcdony.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**

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 31<sup>st</sup>.**

**There will be SUNDAY MORNING RELIGIOUS ED this weekend, December 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 - 10:30am!**

**NEW PARISHIONERS...Welcome!** We warmly invite you to join our faith community. To register please visit the parish office Monday through Friday or you can pick up one of the registration/census forms located on the radiator covers, fill out and return.

**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@rcdony.org.

**YEAR END GIVING**

If you would like to include St. Mary's in your year end giving, please be reminded that it needs to be received by December 31, 2017 to be included in this tax year.

**Thank you to everyone who does so much for the good of St. Mary's Parish. We truly appreciate all that you do.**