

FEBRUARY 18, 2018
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

The Spirit sent Jesus to the desert to fast and pray for forty days. Afterwards, Jesus appeared in Galilee proclaiming "the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17
 4:00PM + (St. Pat's) Souls in Purgatory (All Souls Envelopes)
 5:30PM + (St. Mary's) Reggie Mayo by The Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18
 8:00AM + (St. Mary's) Hubert Trombley by Ken & Veronica Dupere
 10:00AM +(St. Pat's) Rita Roberts by Russ & Pam Gadway

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19
 9:00AM + (St. Pat's) Danielle Pouliot by Evelyn Gonyo

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20
 9:00AM +(St. Pat's) Elvira DiNota by Jim & Martine Gonyo
followed by Stations of the Cross

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21
 5:30PM (St. Pat's) Joyce Duffy by Virginia Guay
followed by Rice Bowl Dinner in Parish Hall

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22
 9:00AM + (St. Mary's) Fr. James Delbel by Bill & Janet Carey

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23
 9:00AM + (St. Mary's) Lockwood "Lucky" Clark by Claire & Rob Clark
followed by Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24
 4:00PM + (St. Pat's) Steve Douglas by Jeff & Carmen Aubrey
 5:30PM + (St. Mary's) 25th Anniversary of Andrus LaVenture by Rick and Sharon LaVenture

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25
 8:00AM + (St. Mary's) Favreau & Filion Families Living and Deceased by Bruce Favreau
 10:00AM +(St. Pat's) Louise & Donnie Robar by their Family

PRAYER REQUESTS: Barbara Primeau, Bryan Tetreault, Brandon Borrie, Jay Coulombe, Patrick Leibach, David Poole, Pauline Scriver, Pat Lewis, Ron Frennier, Deacon Laszlo, Jane Sample.

Please note: in order to keep our prayer list current, names are kept on for a few weeks and then REMOVED unless we receive a request for continuation. Thank you for supporting those in need of prayers.

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.

NO SUNDAY MORNING OR EVENING RELIGIOUS ED THIS WEEKEND FEBRUARY 18.

Enjoy your winter break!

PLEASE REMEMBER TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE DROP BOX ON THE PORCH TO LEAVE PAPERS, ETC. IF OFFICE IS CLOSED.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...



LENTEN SOUP NIGHT

WEDNESDAY MARCH 14TH @ 5:30PM

Where: Knights of Columbus Hall

All parishioners are invited with no cost to attend and share a simple meal of soup, bread and dessert. The evening will begin with mass at 5:00 followed by soup night. There will be a variety of soups available for everyone's tastebuds. A brief presentation about the new Parish Center will also be given. Please plan on joining us. We only ask that you please sign up in order to be sure we have plenty of food available. Sign-up sheets are on the radiator covers. **Please note that you are welcome to the Knights of Columbus even if you are unable to join us for mass. Hope to see you all there! Thanks to the Knights of Columbus for the use of their hall.**

SANCTUARY LAMP - FEBRUARY 17 - 24

Special Intention by a Parishioner

Consider having a candle lit in memory of a loved one or for a birthday, graduation, anniversary, special event or just for a special Intention, living and deceased. Please stop by the Parish Office during the week to reserve your candle/s. Sanctuary Candle is \$20 and Vigil Candles by St. Joseph's or St. Ann's Altar are \$10 each.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

February 11	2018	2017
	(68)	(45)
Envelopes	\$2,036	\$1,440 (storm)
Make-ups		
Plate	\$ 140	100
Total:	\$2,178	\$1,540

Thanks to all those who make up their envelopes when they are unable to attend mass. It is most appreciated.

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday in observance of Presidents Day! We follow the same schedule as the Diocese.

EASTERN EUROPE COLLECTION - February 17 & 18

This weekend we will take up a second Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your assistance will provide vital resources to build faith, to educate children, and to help restore communities in Central and Eastern Europe.

RICE BOWL

"What I Give Up I Give to Others"

Looking for a little something extra to do for Lent? Give your Lenten sacrifices to your CRS Rice Bowl. \$1 day for 40 days of Lent means: 1 month of food for a family, 2 yrs of seed for a farmer, 3 months of clean water for 4 families. Please find Rice Bowl located on the radiator covers.

2018 NORTH COUNTRY CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN

The annual *North Country Catholic* subscription campaign begins next weekend. The paper features regular messages from Bishop LaValley, authoritative information about what the church teaches on the issues that you face in 21st-century life and inspiring stories about people living out their faith. Please place your subscription envelope in the collection basket or mail a check for \$27 to the *North Country Catholic*, PO Box 106, Canajoharie, NY, 13317. ANOTHER OPTION—"go green" and receive your *NCC* through email every Monday. If interested, write your email address on the envelope.



TWENTY-WEEK CLUB FUND RAISER.... We soon will be selling tickets and we hope you consider purchasing a ticket. The cost is \$20 with drawings beginning on April 6 and continuing each week through August 17. There are eighteen \$50 prizes, one \$100 prize and two \$500. There will be only **200 tickets to be sold AND YOU CAN WIN MORE THAN ONCE.**

KEEP IN MIND....LENTEN REGULATIONS

Abstinence...All Catholics who have reached their 14th birthday are bound to abstain totally from meat on the following days: **Ash Wednesday, Fridays of Lent, & Good Friday. It is particularly important to be mindful of this obligation with the occurrence of St. Valentine's Day on Ash Wednesday, as well as the proximity of St. Patrick's Day to the Friday of the Fourth Week of Lent.**

Fasting....All Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are bound also to observe the Law of Fast on the following days: **Ash Wednesday (February 14) and Good Friday (March 30).**

Prayer & Penance...The entire season of Lent should be observed in a spirit of prayer and penance. Spending extra time in prayer or Bible study, attending daily Mass, voluntary sacrifice and self-denial, combined with works of charity and service to others, are all excellent ways to obey the Lord's command to reform our lives and to prepare for the joyful celebration of Easter.

Easter Duty...All Catholics who have reached the age of reason must confess their serious sins in the Sacrament of Penance at least once a year. They must also receive Holy Communion at least once each year between the **First Sunday of Lent (February 18) and Trinity Sunday (May 27).**

Copies of the complete Lenten Regulations can be found on the radiator covers. Along with Lenten mass times for area parishes.

LOOKING AHEAD...

- + March 10th @ 10:00am - First Penance.
- + Holy Saturday - March 31st
- + EASTER SUNDAY - April 1
- + May 27th - BAZAAR!!
- + June 2nd at St. Pat's
- + June 9 @ 5:30pm - First Communion.

LENTEN CORNER....

...Lenten mass times are as follows:

- St. Mary's 9:00am Thursdays
- 9:00am Fridays (followed by Stations of the Cross)

ENVELOPES USERS

The 2017 end of year financial Statements are available. If you have already called to request your statement, they will be mailed out. Thank you for your generosity throughout the year!

NYS CATHOLIC CONFERENCE ACTION ALERT: Stop Abortion Expansion in NYS...An action alert has been issued by the NYSCC. Please visit www.nyscatholic.org to contact your representative about the dangerous bill that would eliminate New York's ban on late-term abortions, allow non-doctors to perform abortions, and remove protections against unwanted abortions. For more information, see this **MEMORANDUM OF OPPOSITION** or go to <http://www.nyscatholic.org/nys-catholic-conference-action-center/>

MAY 27TH

ST. MARY'S BAZAAR

Next meeting will be Thursday, February 28 at 6:30pm. If anyone is interested in joining the committee, please feel free to just show up. Few things to remember
 ...want to be involved? Get your group registered for the parade. Contact Molly Ryan (mfryan01@gmail.com) or 298-8244.
 ...please start saving your unwanted glassware for the dime pitch.
 ...looking for donations of unopened Liquor/Wine for the Liquor Wheel.

POPE FRANCIS' WORDS

Do you want to fast this Lent?

- **Fast from hurting words and say kind words**
- **Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.**
- **Fast from anger and be filled with patience.**
- **Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.**
- **Fast from worries and trust in God.**
- **Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.**
- **Fast from pressures and be prayerful.**
- **Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.**
- **Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.**
- **Fast from grudges and be reconciled.**
- **Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.**

SAVE THE DATE: April 14, 2018
MARRIAGE: God Calls, We Respond

The Department of Family Life in conjunction with the Offices of Vocations and Evangelization, will present an all-day Life and Family Conference and workshop entitled *Marriage: God Calls, We Respond*. Our keynote speakers will be Dr. Gregory and Lisa Popcak. Please mark your calendars now and save the date: Saturday, April 14, 2018 at Trinity Catholic School in Massena.