



*First Sunday of Advent  
December 1, 2019*

**MASSES**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30**

4:00PM + (St. Mary's) Larry Boulerice by Cathy Boulerice

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

8:00AM + (St. Pat's) 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Albert & Iona Morrelli by Andy & Diane Morrelli

10:00AM +(St. Pat's) Rev. Jean-Jacques Dionne by Louise Dionne Family

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 2**

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

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3**

9:00AM + (St. Pat's) Gabriel Bedard by Gerard & Jane Arno

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4**

9:00AM +(St. Pat's) Edna Barcomb by George & Peggy Rivers

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5**

9:00AM + (St. Mary's) Roderick Willette by George & Theresa Miller

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6**

9:00AM + (St. Pat's) 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Virgil Brunell by Gary Brunell

(St. Pat's) Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

11:00AM (St. Pat's) Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7**

9:00AM + (St. Mary's) Clara Gooley by Marilyn Parsons

4:00PM + (St. Mary's) Eleanor Gaudette by Jim & Sue Chenevert

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8**

8:00AM + (St. Pat's) 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Margaret Aubrey by Jeff & Carmen

10:00AM +(St. Pat's) Eva Favro by Ted Favro

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Morris (Buster) Roberts, Diane Favreau, Linda Bond, Jean LaBombard, Craig Willette, Donnie Hicks.

**Deceased: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Victor Bechard. May he rest in peace.**

**Nursing Homes:** Art Tremblay, Doris Deso, Gerry Hayes. **Please pray for all of our Military** including: Maritza St. John-Lester, Avery Trombley, Shawn LaFontaine.

**SANCTUARY CANDLE NOVEMBER 30 - DECEMBER 7**

In Memory of Homer Duquette by his Children

**VIGIL CANDLE - NOVEMBER 30 - DECEMBER 7**

(St. Ann) In Memory of Theresa Demers Rabideau by Marie Dupee

**DID YOU KNOW....there are still Sanctuary & Vigil candle dates available for the remainder of 2019? Please call the Parish Office.**

**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP**

	2019	2018
November 24		
Envelopes	(65) \$1,859	(73) \$1,924
Make-ups		
Plate	149	82
Kids	2	
Total	\$ 2,060	\$2,006

*Thanks to all who are so generous to our parish and to all who make up their envelopes when they are unable to attend mass.*

**ADVENT 2019**

Advent is the beginning of a new liturgical year for the Catholic Church and a period of preparation, extending over four Sundays, before Christmas.

Sometimes, people make the mistake of thinking that Advent is part of the Christmas celebrations. In fact, Advent is a separate time of preparation all of its own. For the Catholic Church Christmas doesn't begin until the first Mass is celebrated on Christmas Eve and continues until the Epiphany, which occurs on January 5, 2020.

**RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS**

**Give in thanksgiving.** "The nuns left lasting impressions on me," writes a donor. "I shall always be grateful for my Catholic education." Please join in thanking the thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who worked tirelessly to educate the young and serve those in need. Next week's second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious, which helps hundreds of religious communities care for aging members. Thank you for your support!

**NEW VOTIVE CANDLE STAND...**Wax candles could certainly create a potential fire hazard. With this in mind, you may have noticed that St. Mary's has new electric votive candles along the back wall. The new stand was designed and custom made with hand crafted solid wood cabinetry by Shrine Design. The candles are electronically converted REAL wax candles and will burn for 5 days. NO MATCHES REQUIRED! There is a suggested donation of \$2.00 per candle, which can be placed directly in the slot attached to the candle stand. Please carefully push the RED button in front of the candle to be lit. Once lit you cannot un-light the candle. Please note: effective immediately we will no longer be using the old votive candles.

**CHRISTMAS MAILING**

If you are a registered parishioner, please be on the lookout for your Christmas mailing, which will include the Christmas & New Year's Mass schedule along with the Flower & Christmas Offering. Once again, the flower donations may be made in memory of loved ones if you wish.

**KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS**

K of C Council #3525 will be selling the Christmas car magnets after the 4:00PM Mass this weekend. Donations would be very much appreciated.

**FREE SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR TOWN OF CHAMPLAIN (65+)**

*(includes residents who reside in Champlain, Coopersville, Rouses Pt.)*

Sunday, Dec. 8 at the Champlain Knights of Columbus Hall at **1:00PM**. Doors will open at 12 noon. Reservations required: please call Gloria Tetreault 298-8789 or Laura Trahan 298-8244! Sponsored by the Champlain Knights of Columbus Council #3525 and Catholic Daughters Court #1451.

**LOOKING AHEAD:** Confessions will be held on Monday, December 9, 7:00pm at St. Patrick's and on Thursday, December 12, 7:00pm at St. Mary's.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK..**on Saturday, December 7, at the 4:00pm Mass at St. Mary's and Sunday, December 8 at the 10:00am Mass at St. Patrick's, we will be administering the Sacrament of the Sick to all who desire it. The sacrament, however, is only for those with serious ailments, either mental or physical. The very elderly are eligible. I hope that you can bring some parishioners who cannot get to Mass by themselves, shut-ins who would be good candidates for the sacrament. The sacrament is also administered to those who are going to have serious operations in the hospital. Please leave the front seats open for those who have difficulty moving about.

**PURCHASE YOUR 20-WEEK CLUB TICKETS TODAY!**

100 tickets have already been sold. Hurry and get yours before its too late! Tickets are available for sale at the 4:00pm mass or call the Parish Office. Donation: \$20 for twenty weeks worth of money prizes including the final week of 2 prizes @ \$500 each. These make great Christmas gifts, stocking stuffers & more!

**ATTENTION LECTORS/READERS**

Please stop by or call for arrangement to pick up your 2020 Lector Workbook. Thank you!

**PARISH CENTER WEEKLY PROGRESS REPORT**

- + Continuing the taping/painting
- + Installation of case work
- + Started electrical roughing

You are always welcome to check out the progress of the addition after mass.

**THANK YOU**

Special thanks to all who contributed to the monetary collection which was taken up at our Thanksgiving Mass. The monies and food collected will be used for the needy of our area. Again, many thanks for your continued support!

**BULLETIN ADVERTISING**

If you have an interest in placing your business ad in our weekly bulletin for 2020, please contact the Parish Office.

**ST. MARY'S GIFT GIVING PROGRAMS**

Christmas Magic wish lists (Angel tags) are available. This special Gift Giving Program will help local needy children in our area. Please take a tag located on the table near the confessional, sign your name on the sheet next to the number which corresponds to the number on the tag so that we can keep track of ALL the tags. Please note: you **do not** need to purchase every item on the tag.

Tags for Birthright are also available this weekend. As always, these programs certainly appreciate our support!

**AREA EVENTS**

Craft Fair at the American Legion on December 1st from 10 AM-3 PM. The proceeds of the craft fair is donated to The Honor Flight, a very good cause.

**Annual St. Patrick's Children's Christmas Party**

Sunday, December 8, 1:00 - 3:00PM in St. Patrick's Parish Hall. Children are invited to come and see Santa Claus and enjoy some special treats.

**Religious Ed....**Regular classes this weekend for Grades 1-8 from 8:45-9:45am.

**REMINDER:** our two cemeteries are officially closed!

**BISHOP'S FUND**

**58** families in our parish have made a gift or pledge to the 2019 Bishop's Fund Appeal. Our parish goal is to have **87** or more families participate. We are grateful to those that have made a sacrificial gift to this year's Bishop's Fund Appeal. Our parish has raised **\$5,303** toward our parish goal of **\$8,026**. The Bishop's Fund Appeal supports ministries, activities and programs that serve people throughout the Diocese in ways that we as an individual parish could never do alone. If you have not yet made your gift, please prayerfully consider supporting the 2019 Bishop's Fund Appeal, which is separate from the Capital Campaign, with a pledge or one-time gift. A pledge allows us to support the Appeal in four convenient payments throughout the year.