



*Second Sunday of Advent*

*December 8, 2019*

*John the Baptist came as a preacher in the Judean desert: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" Many people flocked to him for baptism and conversion*

*to prepare for the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire.*

**MASSES**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7**

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

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

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**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

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 9 - Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

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

**7:00PM (St. Pat's) Confessions**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10**

9:00AM + (St. Pat's) Jim Boire by Jim & Jane Forkey

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11**

9:00AM +(St. Pat's) Kenneth Place by Dale Place

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12**

5:00PM + (St. Mary's) Orville Bing Gload by Woody & Joyce Mayo

**7:00PM (St. Mary's) Confessions**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13**

5:00PM + (St. Mary's) Loretta McCarthy by George & Theresa Miller

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14**

9:00AM + (St. Mary's) Roderick Willette by Larry & Audrey Douglas

4:00PM + (St. Mary's) Rene & Marion Anctil by Cathy & Family

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15**

8:00AM + (St. Pat's) Harold & Bette Mero by Merrie & Buffy

10:00AM +(St. Pat's) Deceased members of the Clarence & Mabel LaBombard Family by Robert, Mary & Darlene Baker

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

**Deceased: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Martha Hicks and Victor Bechard. May they 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 DECEMBER 7 - 14**

*In Memory of Joe Leduc by Teotis*

**VIGIL CANDLE -DECEMBER 7 - 14**

*(St. Ann) In Thanksgiving by Mary & Marty Picard*

**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP**

	2019	2018
December 1	(75)	(78)
Envelopes	\$2,011	\$2,472
Make-ups	2,000	
Plate	255	144
Kids	2	
Total	\$4,268	\$2,616

*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.*

**RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS**

Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests ministered for years for little to no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate retirement savings. Your gift to today's second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous.

**SPECIAL THANKS**

A very special thanks to the Champlain Knights of Columbus #3525, and in particular, Marty Picard & Bruce West for setting up and decorating the outside manger in front of the church.

**CHRISTMAS EVE MASS**

All children are invited to participate in the Christmas Eve Mass at 4:00pm. If you have little ones or grandchildren who wish to join us, please call the parish office or Kathy Ryan. Every child will have a part.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK...**this weekend at the 4:00pm Mass at St. Mary's and Sunday, 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. The sacrament is also administered to those who are going to have serious operations in the hospital.

**CHRISTMAS MAILING/MEMORIAL FLOWERS**

If you are a registered parishioner, you should have received your Christmas mailing, which included the Christmas & New Year's Mass schedule along with the Christmas & Flower Offering. Once again, the flower donations may be made in memory of loved ones and may be given at any time. Please write names CLEARLY on the envelope. If you did not receive the Christmas mailing, you may also submit your memorials in a plain envelope.

**CONFESSIONS**

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.

**K OF C CORNER**

**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.

**CHRISTMAS WITH SANTA**

Catholic Men's Club on Saturday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>. Doors open at 3 with Santa arriving at 4pm. Children's carols, gift bag, and munchies. All are invited!

**CHRISTMAS COLLECTION**

The Diocese of Ogdensburg's Retirement Plan for Priests has long been supported by parish contributions from its annual Christmas Collection. Currently 33 retired priests, and 12 active priests age 70 and older, are expected to receive pension benefits of \$900,000 in 2019-20. Also 100% of the cost of health insurance premiums for retired priests, estimated at \$220,000 this Fiscal year, 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.

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

For those who signed up Sunday, Dec. 8 at the Champlain Knights of Columbus Hall at **1:00PM**. Doors will open at 12 noon. Sponsored by the Champlain Knights of Columbus Council #3525 and Catholic Daughters Court #1451.

**CDA Court #1451** next dinner/meeting Thursday, Dec 12<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30PM K of C Hall. All members welcome. Don't forget - 50/50, raffles, ornament exchange, food drive, Avon sale. Hope to see you there!

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

PLEASE HELP by either purchasing or selling a few tickets of the tickets we have left. 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!

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 7/8**

4:00PM: Lector - Chris Prell  
(EM) Allisn Blain, Helen Bechard

**DECEMBER 14/15**

4:00PM Lector: John Zurlo  
(EM) Roxanne Downs, Kathy Tetreault

**PARISH CENTER WEEKLY PROGRESS REPORT**

+Installing casework and hardware  
+ Installation of ceiling grid, painting of walls.  
You are always welcome to check out the progress of the addition after mass.

**ST. MARY'S GIFT GIVING PROGRAMS - PLEASE RETURN ANGEL TAGS BY TUESDAY THE LATEST!!**

There are still a few Christmas Magic wish lists (Angel tags) available but they must be returned by Tuesday. This special Gift Giving Program will help local needy children in our area

Also, please return your Birthright gifts (unwrapped) ASAP! As always, these programs certainly appreciate our support!

**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.

**2019 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**

**CONFESSIONS**

St. Patrick's, December 9 - 7:00 PM  
(Communal Penitential Service)  
St. Mary's, December 12 - 7:00-8:00 PM

**MASSES**

Christmas Eve  
St. Mary's, 4:00 PM (Adult Choir)  
St. Patrick's, 6:00PM (Mero Family Musicians)

**Christmas Day**

St. Mary's, 8:00 AM  
St. Patrick's, 10:00AM

**New Year's Eve,**

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God - December 31  
St. Mary's, 4:00PM

**New Year's Day**

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God - January 1  
St. Patrick's, 9:00AM

**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 Dec. 31, 2019 to be included in this tax year.