



*Third Sunday of Advent*

*December 15, 2019*

*John sent his disciples to ask Jesus, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" Jesus answered them affirmatively, pointing to the blind who*

*see, the lame who walk, the lepers who are cured, and the poor who hear from him good news of hope.*

**MASSES**

**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

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 16**

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

11:00AM (St. Pat's) Funeral Mass for Albert Gokey

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17**

9:00AM + (St. Pat's) Bernadette Duffy by Roger

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18**

9:00AM +(St. Pat's) Steve Douglas by Vickie & Family

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19**

5:00PM + (St. Mary's) Shirley Dorothy LaCount by Pete & Marion Morrison

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20**

5:00PM + (St. Mary's) 31<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of Eric & Jason Coker by Mom

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21**

9:00AM + (St. Mary's) Jean Ethier by Christian Ethier

4:00PM + (St. Mary's) 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of Donald Tetreault by wife Suzanne & Children

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22**

8:00AM + (St. Pat's) Debelain Jefferson by Carole Lefebvre

10:00AM +(St. Pat's) 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Gerald Dupree by Arsene, Rose & Rachel Letourneau

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

**Deceased: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Laurent Bechard, Albert Gokey and Martha Hicks. 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 14 - 21**

*In Memory of Orville "Bing" Gload by Kay*

**VIGIL CANDLE -DECEMBER 14 - 21**

*(St. Ann) Deceased Family Members by Mary & Marty Picard*

**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP**

	2019	2018
December 8		
Envelopes	(71) \$2,787	(77) \$2,563
Make-ups		
Plate	140	98
Kids	2	2
Total	\$2,929	\$2,663

*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.*

**RELIGIOUS GIVE THANKS**

"Thank you hardly seems adequate to convey what it means to us," says a Catholic sister of the financial assistance her community received from the Retirement Fund for Religious. Prayer-filled thanks for your donation to last week's second collection. A total of \$743 was collected.

**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!

**2019 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**

**CONFESSIONS**

Every Saturday at St. Mary's : 3:00-3:45pm &  
Every Sunday at St. Pat's 7:15 - 7:45am & 9:15-9:45am

**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, - 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

**CHRISTMAS DECORATING...**Anyone interested in decorating the Church for Christmas is more than welcome to help. We will be doing the majority of the decorating next Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> around 9:00am. Please stop by and give us a hand.

**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS**

If you wish to share Christmas Greetings with priests of our diocese, copies of addresses are on the radiator covers.

**SPECIAL THANKS...**to Bruce West and Marty Picard for tightening the handrail on the altar steps by St. Joseph. We certainly appreciate your help and time given.

**CHRISTMAS EVE MASS**

All children are invited to participate in the Christmas Eve Mass at 4:00pm in a Live Christmas Pageant. If you have little ones or grandchildren who wish to join us, please call the parish office or Kathy Ryan 518-593-8540 or St. Mary's Parish office 518-298-8244. Every child will have a part.

**CHRISTMAS MAILING/MEMORIAL FLOWERS**

Your Christmas mailing includes 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.

**K OF C CORNER**

**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!

**BUILDING A CULTURE OF LIFE**

*Moving beyond the despair and darkness of New York's abortion expansion law*

Brochures are available on the radiator covers. Please take one home.

**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.

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

PLEASE HELP by either purchasing or selling a few tickets that 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**

**DECEMBER 14/15**

4:00PM Lector: John Zurlo

(EM) Roxanne Downs, Kathy Tetreault

**DECEMBER 21/22**

Lector: Carol Castine

(EM) Kim/Tom Trombley

**PARISH CENTER WEEKLY PROGRESS REPORT**

+Continuing installation of ceilings  
+ Installing door frames, interior lights and air conditioning

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

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

A HUGE thank you to all who participated in the Angel Tree for the needy. As always, these programs certainly appreciate our support!

Please return your Birthright gifts ASAP! Again, thanks for your participation in this program as well. These gifts will be brought to Birthright for distribution throughout the year.

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

**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.

**BISHOP'S FUND**

60 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 \$6,153 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.

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