



*Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 22, 2019*

Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they wed, Mary became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit. Joseph decided to break the engagement. He

changed his mind when an angel in a dream told him to receive Mary as his wife.

MASSES

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

9:00AM + (St. Mary's) Jean Ethier by Christian Ethier
4:00PM + (St. Mary's) 1st 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) 6th Anniversary of Gerald Dupree by Arsene, Rose & Rachel Letourneau & Dupree Family

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

9:00AM+ (St. Pat's) Neil Thomas Guay by his Family

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

9:00AM + (St. Pat's) Donald LaBombard by Virginia Guay

(Anticipated) Nativity of the Lord

4:00PM (St. Mary's) Parishioners of St. Mary's

6:00PM (St. Patrick's) Parishioners of St. Patrick's

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25 - Nativity of the Lord

8:00AM (St. Mary's) Parishioners of St. Mary's

10:00AM (St. Patrick's) Parishioners of St. Patrick's

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

5:00PM + (St. Mary's) Elizabeth Coulombe by Theresa Glascock

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

5:00PM + (St. Mary's) George Boulerice by the Boulerice Family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

9:00AM + (St. Mary's) Clara Gooley by Florence Cardin
4:00PM + (St. Mary's) Magella Coonan Bocare by Theresa A. Rabideau

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

8:00AM + (St. Pat's) Alfred & Octavia Racine by Andy & Diane Morrelli

10:00AM +(St. Pat's) Patrick McGoldrick by Carole Lefebvre

PRAYER REQUESTS: Mary Baker, 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 & Richard Laurin. 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 21 - 28

In Memory of Theresa Demers Rabideau by Gloria Tetreault

VIGIL CANDLE -DECEMBER 21 - 28

(St. Ann) Special Intention by a Parishioner

(St. Joseph) Special Intention by a Parishioner

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

	2019	2018
December 15		
Envelopes	(66) \$2,386	(65) \$2,527
Make-ups		2,000
Plate	146	203
Kids		
Total	\$2,532	\$4,730

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.

If you are visiting St. Mary's, or have not been here in a while...Welcome! We are grateful you have joined us today!

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!

OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, Dec. 24 through Thursday, Dec. 26.

2019 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

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 this Sunday, December 22nd around 9:00am. Please stop by and give us a hand.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers for Christmas can be given in memory or in honor of loved ones. A separate Christmas Memorial Bulletin will be available for Christmas.

CONSECRATION TO THE HOLYFAMILY... Next weekend, Fr. Lewis and our Knights of Columbus Council #'s 2366 & 3525 invite each family to consecrate themselves to the Holy Family. We hope to revitalize our parishes by urging our families to devote themselves to the ideal model of familial love set by Jesus, Mary & Joseph. The enclosed insert has suggested preparations for this.

CHRISTMAS LETTER FROM BISHOP LAVALLEY

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

"Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord."
(Luke 2:10-11)

A constant theme that Pope Francis has incorporated into his teaching is that of accompaniment. Of course, the premier example of accompaniment is the Incarnation, that Joyful Mystery of our faith when God, born of the Virgin Mary, chose to accompany us on our earthly journeys. The Christmas story is a divine love story of accompaniment.

In our recent ad limina visit to Rome, the Holy Father spoke of the importance of the family and its tragic brokenness today. He urged us to accompany, with tenderness and care, members of broken families and to support struggling and strong families. We each have a role to play in the Christmas story as fellow companions in faith, beginning with those closest to us, our families.

So many persons need someone to lean on, someone to show them Jesus. Our Godparents and Confirmation sponsors will want to recommit themselves to accompanying the baptized and confirmed in their walk of faith. We enter more fully the Christmas story when we take the time to understand and support the fearful migrant, the confused teen, the depressed homeless, the victim of abuse, the mentally ill, the desperate addict, the overwhelmed parent, the forgotten elderly. No one should walk alone.

Christmas is the divine reminder that our God never forgets us. Jesus Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life who never leaves us alone. It is no wonder that this is a time of great hope, joy and peace. The Christmas story is our love story! For the faithful one, we know how the story ends. As the New Year approaches, let us turn the page to a new chapter in our story. Christ-led, Christ-fed and Hope-filled, we seek to be the companion whose own personal encounter with Jesus becomes the witness for others to want to seek the Prince of Peace.

May the Christ Child bring you and your loved ones the Gift of Love, the Blessing of Hope and the Promise of Peace. A blessed Christmas and joy-filled New Year!

*Faithfully yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley
Bishop of Ogdensburg*

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 21/22 4:00PM

Lector: Carol Castine

(EM) Kim/Tom Trombley

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Dec. 24 @ 4:00PM (Lector) Jack Dawson

(EM) Janice Dawson, Kim/Tom Trombley, Linda Seymour

Dec. 25 @ 8:00AM

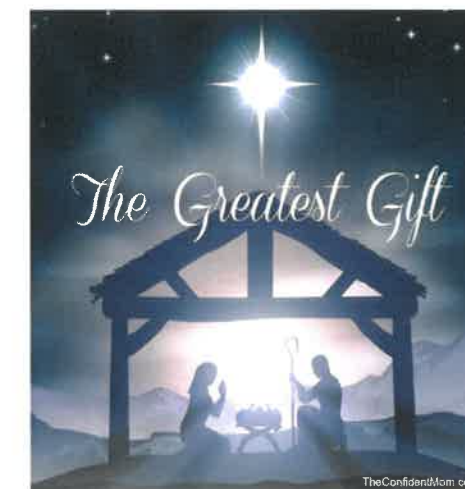
(Lector) John Zurlo

(EM) Pat Carey, Evelyn Ashfield, Matthew Tetreault

NO SUNDAY MORNING OR EVENING RELIGIOUS ED UNTIL

JANUARY 12TH 2020!

Enjoy your break!



We wish each and everyone of you a very Blessed and Merry Christmas!