

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 19, 2020

John exclaimed, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." He continued, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove...I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."

MASSES

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

9:00AM + (St. Mary's) Lucy Dominy by a Friend
4:00PM + (St. Mary's) Eva & Edward Favreau by the Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

8:00AM + (St. Pat's) 13th Anniversary of Lena Bombardier by her Children & Grandchildren
10:00AM +(St. Pat's) Barry Lamberton by Barbara LaBombard

MONDAY, JANUARY 20

9:00AM+ (St. Pat's) John Edwards by Joseph Bailey

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

9:00AM + (St. Pat's) George Marnes by Ted Favro

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22 - Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

9:00AM + (St. Pat's) Sandra Aubrey by Fifth Tradition Group

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

5:00PM + (St. Mary's) In Remembrance of the 75th Anniversary of Eva & Edward Favreau by Bruce

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

5:00PM+ (St. Mary's) Martha & Ernest Bechard by Dr. & Mrs. Harry Neal Upson

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

9:00AM + (St. Mary's) Leon Dutil by Raymond & Linda Duprey
4:00PM + (St. Mary's) Peter Surprenant by Pauline Brindisi

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

8:00AM + (St. Pat's) Gabriel Bedard by Patricia Bracey
10:00AM +(St. Pat's) Patricia Holbert by Robert & Janice St. John

PRAYER REQUESTS: Mary Baker, Judy Letourneau, Morris (Buster) Roberts, Diane Favreau, Jean LaBombard, Donnie Hicks.

Please note: we normally keep the names on the sick list for a couple of months and then remove them, unless we hear otherwise. However, they may be placed on the list again by just calling the rectory.

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 JANUARY 18 - 25

(St. Ann) In Memory of Jean Seymour Bicks by a Friend

WELCOME

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

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

Table with 3 columns: Item, 2020, 2019. Rows include January 5, Envelopes, Make-ups, Plate, Kids, Total.

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.

SPECIAL THANKS

Thanks to those who helped un-decorate the church of the Christmas decorations: Francis Seymour, Dave Coonan, Lonnie Bechard, Reginald LaFontaine and Pat LaFontaine. Your help is always so very much appreciated!

VIGIL CANDLES

The Vigil Candles burn for 6-7 days for an offering of \$10. This is a great way to remember someone (living or deceased) or on special occasions. Please call the rectory to request a date.

TWENTY WEEK CLUB WINNER

Week 3: (\$50) Dick Cooke

LOOKING AHEAD: RESPECT LIFE COLLECTION:

January 25/26

Grants from the collection benefit pro-life projects in our diocese such as Gabriel Project, March for Life pilgrimages, Birthright, Liferight, educational days, life-affirming Catholic radio programming. Thank you for your support and all you do to build a Culture of Life.

OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish office will be closed on Monday, January 20th in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. Please note that we follow the Diocesan schedule.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO BELONG

It is good for everyone to have a sense of belonging...some place to call your own. It is good to belong to a parish...to have a church to call your own. Possibly you have been coming to St. Mary's for some time and never actually joined or registered. If you do not receive mailings, it may indicate we do not have your address or that you may not be registered.

If you would like to call St. Mary's your parish, please fill in a census card located on the back table and simply place in collection basket, mail it, or bring to the Parish Office. You may also email churchofstmary@yahoo.com.

BULLETIN ADS

Thank you to all the businesses who sponsor our bulletins by advertising with us. We appreciate your generosity! Also, special thanks to Pauline Brindisi who takes great pride in getting the ads for us each year.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN ...

January 22 - Day of Prayer and Fasting ... The over 56 million abortions since the 1973 decisions of Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton reflect with heartbreaking magnitude what Pope Francis means by a "throwaway culture." However, we have great trust in God's providence. We are reminded time and again in Scripture to seek the Lord's help, and as people of faith, we believe that our prayers are heard. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal designates January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children": "In all the Dioceses of the United States, January 22 shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion." As individuals, we are called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer and fasting. Another way to take part is participating in special events to observe the anniversary of Roe v. Wade. If you are unable to participate physically, please pray for those who are traveling to Washington DC to March for Life. Thank you for your prayers. Resources are available at: http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/resources/january-22-day-of-prayer.cfm.

9 DAYS FOR LIFE ... Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life novena, 9 Days for Life, Tuesday, January 21 - Wednesday, January 29. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more. Sign up at www.9daysforlife.com!

REMINDERS DURING FLU SEASON

+ Parishioners should not share the sign of peace if feeling ill.

+ It is recommended that parishioners receive Communion in the hand. Communion on the tongue does present hygienic problems during flu season.

+Hand sanitizers are available on the radiator covers for use by parishioners.

BISHOP'S FUND - IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO GIVE

68 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 \$6,548 toward our parish goal of \$8,026. 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.

ENVELOPE USERS

The 2019 end of year financial statements are available to envelope users. Please call the parish office to have your name placed on the list.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE for...

January 18 @ 4:00PM

Lector: Matthew Tetreault (EM) Carter/Logan Gooley

PARISH CENTER WEEKLY PROGRESS REPORT

+ Working on boiler manifold & waiting on sacristy casework

PRIESTHOOD DISCERNMENT GROUPS: Attention Men Hearing the Call.

Have you felt the invitation to follow Jesus Christ as a Catholic Priest? Discernment groups will meet in Plattsburgh in the upcoming months and those who are considering the priesthood are encouraged to attend.

PLATTSBURGH AREA:

Where: St. Peter's Church Upper Room, 114 Cornelia Street
When: The following Sundays at 3pm: Feb. 2, Feb. 16, Mar. 1, Mar. 29, Apr. 19, May 3, May 10
Contact: Fr. Howard Venette at pastorsmoll@stmaryti.org or 518-585-7144

PLATTSBURGH BUS TO WASHINGTON DC: March for Life

There will be a bus going down to Washington DC March for Life from Plattsburgh leaving from Saint Peters at 7:45 p.m. on January 23, 2020. It will return to Plattsburgh on January 24, 2020. The cost is \$30 per person. For more information contact: Deacon Randy Smith 518-566-6229.

LOOKING AHEAD...

LENTEN RETREATS 2020: "Reflect - Pray - Reconcile"

Retreats for Young People in grades 7 to 12.

March 7th | St. Mary's Champlain
Noon to 4:00PM with concluding Mass at St. Mary's Church
No fee to Attend

To Register for this event go to: www.rcdony.org/youthlenten/lenten-retreat.html or contact Virginia Demers, youth office administrator at: vdemers@rcdony.org - 315-393-2920 ext.1401

Each retreat will focus on 3 aspects to aid us in centering ourselves on Jesus Christ and strengthening our relationship with our loving God. Each afternoon retreat will be fun, heart and mind opening and spiritually rejuvenating.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT CORNER: Did you know? ...

Did you know...the residual effects of having been abused can last a lifetime. Those who have been abused seldom just get over it. The sense of violation goes deep into a person's psyche and feelings of anger, shame, hurt and betrayal can build long after the abuse has taken place. A starting point for healing can be offered by the diocesan Victims Assistance Coordinator (VAC) who will meet with any and all victims of sexual abuse. For more information about the VAC, visit: https://www.rcdony.org/safeenv.html